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AMAZON WORKER IN £7K THEFTS

BY JORDAN HARRIS

AN Amazon worker stole more than £7,000 in electrical goods in a bid to raise cash to bring his family to the UK from Romania.

Gabriel Scarlat, aged 37, had been working at the firm's Rugeley warehouse when he began taking items such as computer processors, headphones and watches in order to sell on to contacts he had made.

Gabriel Scarlat

Between May 1 and September 9 he stole 15 processors – small chips that carry out the instructions of a computer program – worth £416 each, which he sold on for £50, Cannock Magistrates Court heard.

Scarlat, who lived in Walsall at the time, pleaded guilty to one charge of theft by employee.

He sold the processors in order to raise £5,000 he needed to bring his wife and son to the UK from his native Romania. However, he was caught on CCTV.

Emma Thompson, prosecuting, said: "After a stock check, senior staff noticed that a number of computer processors were missing and not accounted for.

"An investigation was launched and CCTV footage linked the defendant to the disappearance of the processors. The defendant was away on holiday at the time but, when questioned on his return, made a frank admission."

"A number of processors were then found in his locker, however they could not be resold as they had been taken out of their packaging.

"He admitted that he had been selling the items on for just £50, which is a substantial decrease from their market value."

In total, Scarlat stole processors worth £6,240, two watches worth £315, memory cards worth £200 and headphones worth £300.

Ian Hodnett, defending, said Scarlat's actions had resulted in him losing his job.

He said: "This was done for purely financial reasons. The defendant's family still live in his native Romania and he needed to find cash to help bring them to this country so they could be together. He estimated the cost to be around £5,000.

"He has now lost his job and is living in shared accommodation in London, working on a construction site."

SIGN OF THE OLD TIMES AS GLOBE IS RECALLED

Councillor Paul Woodhead with a sign from the Globe Pub, which was a popular drinking hole on East Cannock Road

A PIECE of a demolished iconic pub has been successfully saved to retain local identity.

The sign comes from what was once the Globe Pub that stood on East Cannock Road in Hednesford for years. Residents have called for it to be placed on the roundabout known historically as Globe Island.

Councillor Paul Woodhead, said: "The pub had been there for many years and it was a bit of an iconic pub for quite some time. If not for residents, the sign would have been lost in demolition."

The pub itself has been closed since 2012 and was put up for sale for £275,000 by its owners Punch Taverns. Since then, travellers set up camp there and the closed pub has suffered vandalism. Following this, the council gave approval to demolish it in April 2015. But problems with planning permission meant it was left half demolished which caused safety concerns and was only recently fully demolished. He added: "We asked the developers if we could adopt the sign so it was saved from demolition and he was happy for me to take it."

There are two options for the site, to build a 20-bed nursing home or a convenience store.

If the plans fall through then it will either be placed in the Museum of Cannock Chase or another option is to put it back on the redeveloped site and try get it to be named Globe Court.

A view of the pub after closure

CRIME

Three arrested on car park after theft

THREE people were arrested after the theft of a wallet at a Morrisons car park.

Shoppers witnessed a heavy police presence descend on the supermarket in Burntwood around 11am on Monday.

Staffordshire Police stated the victim may not be aware of the theft at this stage and issued an appeal for an elderly man wearing a cream-coloured coat to get in touch with them. PCSO Deborah Barton said: "Just to reassure residents and shopkeepers in Burntwood there was a high police profile in the Sankeys Corner area at about 11am."

AUTHOR

Library prepares for ghostly tales

PENKRIDGE Library will host an evening of spine-tingling story-telling on Thursday, October 12.

Author AG Smith, whose play An Evening of Delectable Terror is about to open in London, will appear for one night only to read one of his stories.

The writer will read Experiment 41 from 7.15pm on the night. Doors open at 7pm and there is an interval with refreshments. Booking is essential.

POLICE

Man dies in fall from M6 bridge

A MAN died after falling from a bridge over the M6, closing the motorway to traffic for several hours.

A motorist alerted police after seeing the man lying on the southbound carriageway at junction 10 at 5.25am on Sunday.

The injured man was taken to hospital but died shortly afterwards. The motorway reopened to traffic at around 9am.

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Be determined, Morgan tells city's young

Steve Morgan

"I started digging sewers at 19. Through hard work I managed to achieve a great deal of success. You can do it as well – it is all about what you determine to do yourself."

This was the message of former Wolves owner Steve Morgan as he returned to Wolverhampton to visit one of his proudest achievements, The Way Youth Zone.

The city centre complex held its first Business Breakfast Club meeting this week when Mr Morgan spoke to almost 100 guests and gave his words of inspiration to the young people present. The Way chairman and Wolves director John Gough introduced the Redrow construction firm founder, telling how he 'cornered' Mr Morgan at a Wolves versus Norwich match. Mr Morgan was there with Delia Smith and was 'pinned in a corner' by Mr Gough who persuaded him to look to Wolverhampton.

This was the start of Mr Morgan's 10-year association with the city in which he has provided financial support to 152 charities. His Steve Morgan Foundation was also the main funder for Wolves Aid and Wolves in the Community.

Detailing his career, the 64-year-old businessman said he hoped to inspire young people through his own experiences and '10 Commandments' such as not being afraid to take a chance.

He grew up in Garston, Liverpool, which he said 'made Toxteth look like Mayfair' and bluffed his way into securing a site manager's job at 19, lying about his age and qualifications. He found himself looking after a team of 40.

At 21, a 'window of opportunity' presented itself and he was able to pick up a building contract which saw the beginning of Redrow – now one of the UK's most successful housebuilders.

Massive farm blaze burning one year on

A HUGE blaze at a farm which spread plumes of black smoke and toxins up to four miles away is still burning – one year on.

Firefighters are inspecting Oak Tree Farm at Slitting Mill up to once a week due to outbreaks of smoke from the stack of 1,000 tons of illegally dumped waste which burst into flames on September 5, 2016.

Officials ffficials from Cannock Chase and Staffordshire County councils along with the Environment Agency are still monitoring the situation.

Dermot Hogan, western service delivery group lead at Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "The fire at Oak Tree Farm in Slitting Mill is still smouldering under a cap of earth.

"Rugeley firefighters inspect the site at least fortnightly and sometimes weekly.

Work

"On occasion small amounts of smoke rise from the stack and when this happens we take the necessary action to minimise the impact of this. We continue to work alongside our partners from the Environment Agency and the county and district councils, to monitor the situation."

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling said residents are still contacting her about the site on a regular basis.

She reiterated her vow to secure a Parliamentary debate around illegal waste and the fire risks they incur.

Miss Milling said: "The burning is controlled now, it is burning underneath the cap. The smoke coming from there now seems to be next to nothing. People still talk to me about it even now, people in Rugeley want to know what is happening there. They tell me about the smell in their houses and on their curtains, the impact on their breathing as a result of it.

"What is really important on the back of the horrific events of Grenfell Tower is to highlight the need to manage fire risk, and fire risks come from illegal waste sites."

Glimpse of £1.3m stadium site work

Contractors clearing the old stadium site for the development work

NEW images and a video have been released showing the progress on the multi-million pound redevelopment of the Cannock Stadium site.

The work is part of a £1.3 million project which includes an adventure play area, car park, new footpaths and cycleways with lighting, green gym equipment, a BMX pump track, allotments and CCTV.

Cannock Chase Council said it hoped to fully open the new-look site, along with a new 3G pitch and allotments, later this year. Plans for the redevelopment of the Pye Green Road site's redevelopment were first agreed in 2012 and rubber-stamped in 2014.

The stadium closed in 2008 forcing groups to find an alternative base and leaving it open to fly-tipping and vandalism.

The Pye Green site was mooted for housing before the council decided it would be used for sport and leisure facilities. Watch the video at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/content-z-tags/cannock-stadium

Work under way on the BMX track

'Get cyber savvy' call to block fraudsters

STAFFORDSHIRE businesses have a chance to get 'cyber savvy' at a free event hosted by the the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner and stay one step ahead of online fraudsters.

More than 100 companies have already registered for the event.

Last year, online fraud was estimated to have cost £10 billion pounds, and fraudsters are increasingly targeting businesses both large and small.

The event on November 29 features speakers from the cyber security industry, and law enforcement and intelligence services – and a reformed hacker.

The conference will attract senior managers from the private, public and charitable sectors, all of which are at risk from ever more sophisticated scams.

Sue Arnold, Deputy Police and Crimes Commissioner for Staffordshire, chairs an online fraud forum of local businesses and public sector organisations and leads on cyber crime for the OPCC.

Speaking about the event, she said: "It's all too easy to fall foul of online fraud, and the consequences can be devastating. We all have to become smarter.

"I would encourage managers across Staffordshire to attend the conference and get cyber savvy." Any managers or directors wishing to attend can book tickets via the OPCC Eventbrite page at staffspcc.eventbrite.com

Revamp work at gateway island

A BUSY 'gateway' traffic island in Burntwood is being spruced up.

Council chiefs are adding a touch of colour to the Swan Island in a bid to make it more attractive. Lichfield District Council aims to fill four planters with flowers in a cross pattern.

Hanging baskets will also be introduced to add more colour in the summer.

Work is also taking place to redesign Lichfield's roundabout on The Friary and Swan Road.

Councillor Iain Eadie, cabinet member for operational services, leisure and waste, said: "These changes will not only create attractive and distinctive gateways into Burntwood and Lichfield but by using perennial and longer lasting plants we will cut down the need to weed and replace the flowerbeds each season."

Dogs fundraiser

A COFFEE morning to support Hearing Dogs For Deaf People is being held at Salem Methodist Church, in Cheslyn Hay, on Saturday between 10.30am and midday. Home-baked cakes, pickles, jams, marmalade and hand-crafted greeting cards will be available.

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20pc having to wait more than 4 hours in A&E units

MORE than one in five patients are having to wait longer than four hours to be dealt with in A&E at two of Staffordshire hospitals.

Performance against the four-hour target for both County Hospital, Stafford, and Royal Stoke, which are run by University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, fell to 79.8 per cent in August, provisional figures show.

The national NHS target is 95 per cent, although very few hospitals around the country are meeting that benchmark this year. The figures were published in the latest Clinical Commissioning Group report, which states that performance at County is better than at Royal Stoke.

However, it adds: "In August, performance [across the two hospitals] has dipped back down to 79.8 per cent. Although performance at the County site is above provider level, performance has only been above 90 per cent twice in the last 13-month period. Local data suggests that County Hospital performance will worsen to 86.7 per cent in August."

The figures reveal the extent of the 'extreme' level of pressure which bosses at University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust warned about at the end of August.

They said at the time that they were having to deal with the demand usually associated with the winter months at both hospitals.

Fun line-up at leisure centre

BURNTWOOD Leisure Centre has a varied programme of swimming lessons, a rookie lifeguard course, trampolining and gymnastics coaching lined up for half-term.

The centre is also launching a new Family Clubbercise session on Thursday, October 26 from 4pm to 4.45pm.

And 10 to 19-year-olds are being encouraged to have a go at Getin2it sessions, from streetcheer dance and parkour to boxing and multi-sports.

Councillor Iain Eadie, Lichfield District Council's cabinet member for leisure, said: "To avoid disappointment, we're encouraging families to look at the full programme and book as soon as possible." For the full programme of half-term activities, visit www.activelichfield.co.uk/holidayfun

£128.67 collected

LOCAL volunteers took to the streets of Rugeley on September 16 to raise money for Compassion in World Farming. The £128.67 raised will enable the organisation to continue campaigning on animal welfare.

Housing scheme for factory site unveiled

An artist's impression of the proposed new housing in Walkmill Lane, Cannock

MOVES to bring the former Parker Hannifin site at Walkmill Lane in Cannock back into use took a significant step forward this week, as plans for a development of new homes were unveiled.

The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) were holding a public exhibition yesterday (Wednesday) to present plans for the scheme and invite feedback from local residents and other local stakeholders.

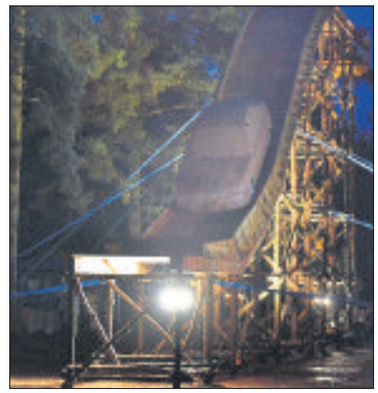
Representatives from the HCA, PCPT Architects and Cushman & Wakefield, who are coordinating the planning application on behalf of the HCA, were all due to attend will be on hand to answer questions and provide more information. An outline planning application will be submitted once the outcome of the consultation event has been considered.

The proposed scheme will create 116 new homes at the site, including some provided as affordable housing, as well as open spaces.

The existing access in Walkmill Lane will be retained, and an additional access is proposed at Vine Lane as part of the plans.

Artist ramps it up with car stunt on the Chase

The Rover 75 is lifted into place at the Joyride event



The clay Rover 75 trundles down the ramp

The model leaves the ramp on the Chase

ARTIST Keith Harrison saw months of hard work and creativity come together in a breath-taking finale – as his precious artwork hurtled down a 10-metre high ramp on Cannock Chase.

Watched by a crowd of people who braved the rain, his full-size clay replica of the final Rover 75 to leave the car manufacturer's Longbridge plant made its first and final journey.

Keith was awarded a major £30,000 commission for the project and the 'one-off live event' took place at the Tackeroo site in Penkridge Bank Road, Rugeley, on Saturday evening. It saw the replica of the executive vehicle lifted by crane onto the temporary ramp and then launched for the Joyride initiative – a celebration of the automotive industry.

It was a personal project for Keith – his mother, grandmother, grandfather and two aunts all worked at the Longbridge plant helping to make Rover cars in various roles including the canteen and administration. He said: 'I wanted to use this energy and this velocity to relaunch the vehicle into the unknown, metaphorically alluding to how this industrial area may be regenerated and the car industry re-imagined."

Keith Harrison with his clay model of a Rover 75

The artist worked with world-renowned car-modeller Anthony Tovey to reconstruct the classic Rover 75 in plywood and clay from the River Lea, which runs through the former Rover works at Longbridge.

He manipulated the car's clay façade 'to communicate a sense of construction' through visible joins and fingerprints, while retaining detail in the statement Rover badge.

The ramp, from which the car was released, was constructed with the help of volunteers, using felled wood from Cannock Chase Forest.

Keith made the model at Bournville College in Longbridge, based on the last Rover 75 to roll off the production line which is on display at the British Motor Museum in Gaydon, Warwickshire.

Launched at dusk, it was accompanied by a specially commissioned soundtrack.

A limited number of places were available for visitors who were invited to watch the ceremonial release of the model.

Keith was awarded the £30,000 commission through the most recent edition of Jerwood Open Forest, an initiative established by Forestry Commission England and Jerwood Charitable Foundation, with support from Arts Council England, in 2013. Joyride was described as 'a community-focused live event, which brings together personal and social narratives around the automotive industry in the West Midlands'.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Exhibitors sought for wool festival

MORE exhibitors are being sought for the second wool and yarn festival to be held at a farm near Penkridge.

Wool @ J13 was first held at Lower Drayton Farm in May and attracted 1,400 visitors.

The organisers are hoping to double visitor numbers in 2018 when it will take place on May 12 and 13.

Most of the 40 exhibitors who attended this year have already signed up for next year's event.

Like the 2017 event, Wool @ J13 2018 will offer a shopping marquee, workshops, a fleece sale, live music, and street food. To apply for a stall visit http://wool-j13.uk/exhibitors

Men's group set to visit war camp site

MEN of Burntwood will be walking around Cannock Chase on Saturday to visit the sites of the First World War Rugeley Camp and explore the surrounding area.

Spaces are limited and must be prebooked. Members are asked to call Vince on 01543 682448 to secure a space on the walk, which is hosted by Cannock Chase AONB volunteers.

Then on Wednesday, October 11, the group are meeting at St Matthews Sports and Social Club in Burntwood. The speaker is Tim Coltman on 'The life of William Coltman VC'.

Views wanted on healthy living app

PEOPLE are being asked for their views and comments to help shape and design a new healthy living app.

The new My Kin wellbeing mobile phone application is being developed by Staffordshire County Council and technology company Sentimoto.

It will help people 'self-assess' their health and wellbeing, using trusted NHS tools, and signpost them to local activities and organisations. Volunteers should be aged over 40 and have a mobile phone that runs Android applications. Register at www.sentimoto.com/staffordshire-pilot

30-plus ales and ciders at festival

LICHFIELD Autumn Beer Festival will be held on October 20 and 21 between midday and 11pm.

Lichfield Arts has ordered more than 30 beers and traditional ciders for the event at the city's Guildhall.

Tickets are now available on 01543 262223 or at www.lichfieldarts.org.uk

● The Linford Arms in Cannock and Hedgeford Lodge in Hednesford will be holding a beer festival from October 11 to October 22 inclusive.

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COUNTY NEWS

No joke for Jim on murder claim

AUSSIE comic Jim Jefferies brought his hit TV show to the streets of Birmingham, which he told his American audience was the murder capital of the UK. The film sees him with officers from West Midlands Police.

He joined Insp Matt Minton and Sgt Leanne Chapman and the film sees the pair stop and detain suspected criminals. Jefferies has been vocal in his criticism of US gun control.

He said Birmingham was the 'murder capital of the UK' with 13 homicides in 2016. His film compares it with Birmingham, Alabama, with a quarter of the population but eight times more – 104 murders in 2016.

Students are put on right towpath

ENGINEERING students kicked off the new term by sprucing up a canal towpath.

The students from City of Wolverhampton College, who are studying for level two and three diplomas in mechanical engineering, helped improve the Lichfield and Hatherton Canal.

They spread hardcore along a half-mile stretch of the path, as part of an ongoing restoration scheme, as well as visiting the canal aqueduct crossing the M6 Toll road.

College bosses said the project was organised to show students the types of work involved in civil engineering projects, as well as develop team work.

Bears to go as auction begins

THE decorated bears from this summer's Big Sleuth art trail in Birmingham and the Black Country are being sold at auction. Fieldings Auctioneers in Stourbridge is hosting the sale on October 12. It will raise funds for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

The project's predecessor The Big Hoot, raised £500,000 for Birmingham Children's Hospital in 2015 and The Big Sleuth is aiming to beat that.

Bidding for each bear is expected to start in the region of £6,000.

Firm's sales bounce back after move

A FIRM specialising in rubber products and polymer sheeting has increased sales by seven per cent.

MacLellan Rubber moved from Neachells Lane, Wednesfield, to Planetary Road Industrial Estate in Willenhall last year. The 146-year-old business had been at the Wednesfield site for 12 years. Director Andrew Onions said: "I'm delighted that our performance has bucked the trend."

Chief takes close look at childcare offer

STAFFORDSHIRE'S work in helping parents get 30 hours a week supported childcare has been seen at first hand by a government official.

Michelle Dyson, director of early years and childcare at the Department for Education, met county councillors and officers, before talking to business representatives and visiting nurseries in Staffordshire.

Staffordshire County Council was one of eight authorities which trialled the introduction of 30 hours' supported childcare for three and four-year-olds in 2016-17 before the Government rolled out the scheme nationally in September.

Councillor Mark Sutton, the county council's cabinet member for children and young people, said: "We've found from last year's trial that the 30 hours' supported childcare made a huge difference to people's lives. At the same time, the feedback from employers was that those benefiting seemed happier and more settled."

In Staffordshire, the latest figures show that the families of 3,909 children have taken up the 30-hours offer, equating to 4.456 million hours of childcare in the county a year.

To be eligible, both parents, or the parent in a single-parent family, must earn the equivalent of at least 16 hours a week at the national minimum wage, or living wage.

Councillor Sutton said: "I'm thrilled that so many parents have taken up the offer to give their children such a good start in life."

Eligible parents can carry on registering at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to secure the 30 hours when the scheme reopens in January.

Couple jump to it for their special big day

By Jamie Brassington

THIS is the heart-warming moment a motorbike-mad couple 'jumped the broom' during their pagan wedding.

Rebecca and Gary Cleary from Hednesford tied the knot in unique style surrounded by dozens of family and friends in their home. Rebecca described their big day as a 'special occasion surrounded by all those we love'.

The newlywed couple, aged 55 and 57, met through their love of motorbikes, as each owns a Harley Davidson.

They opted for an alternative-style wedding, which saw 150 people attend the ceremony in a white tent in their back garden. Rebecca, who works with special-needs children, said: "It was a really happy and special day surrounded by all our special family and friends that mean something to us."

Blessings

They performed the 'jumping the broom' as part of traditional pagan wedding proceedings while guests threw confetti.

The ceremony also saw the couple tie their hands together, in an activity known as hand-fasting, while they exchanged vows and received blessings.

An African song was played inside the tent, as Rebecca wanted African aspects to her wedding because the continent is close to her heart.

She said: "Back in the 70s I went back-packing around the world. It was a very happy part of my life."

The crowds gathered inside the tent to watch Rebecca and Gary marry.

Behind them on display were their three motorbikes.

The couple met four years ago through friends while motorbiking.

They are both members of a Cannock-based motorcycle club called Roadrunners MCC. "We come from all over the place," said Rebecca. "We are a small club but we are like a family."

Rebecca and Gary Cleary perform the ancient ritual of jumping the broom

With flower girl Sophie Preece

Rebecca and Gary with celebrants Rhiannon and Martin Williams, and flower girls Sophie Preece and Jade Micallef

Motorbikes on the stage at the pagan ceremony – the couple each owns a Harley Davidson

Residents' outrage at response from police

ANGRY residents have given police four weeks to step up crime fighting in their village.

It follows months of crimes in the community, villagers claim, police in Essington have failed to respond to.

Essington Parish Council chairman David Clifft met with South Staffordshire Area Police Commander Insp Richard Meaden in private to discuss concerns raised by residents.

In the meeting, they agreed on a four-week period to turn the situation around. If no improvement is noticed, a public meeting will be held and a vote of 'no confidence' called.

Councillor Clifft said: "There has been a huge increase in vehicle crime, house burglaries and anti-social behaviour in the village.

"Residents are outraged with the lack of the response from the police and are demanding an urgent public meeting to voice their anger.

"They feel police are not listening or showing up when crime is reported and it is disheartening. We may not be able to kick them out but we want to send a strong message. They have tried it through conventional methods to improve things such as talking to them but nothing had been done so now they may take more notice."

A police spokesperson said: "The South Staffs local policing commander, Inspector Richard Meaden, has met with Councillor Clifft this week to address some of his concerns.

"They had a constructive discussion that looked at crime trends and the proactive work the local policing team is doing through enforcement and crime prevention to tackle those trends," the spokesperson added.

Officers' warning on 'gas firm' con

POLICE have issued a warning after a suspected bogus caller posing as a worker from a gas firm targeted homes.

A resident in Allens Close, Cannock, alerted police after a man in his 50s, who was smartly dressed and carrying an iPad, approached their home but was unable to provide identification. As a result, the caller left.

Lydia Hooley, community engagement officer at Staffordshire Police, said: "We are reminding residents to never allow any unsolicited visitors into their home, however convincing they may sound.

"Always check the identity of callers first and, if you are unsure, or suspicious about their intent, please contact us immediately on 101 or 999 in an emergency."

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Volunteers praised for their work at stations

VOLUNTEERS have been congratulated for their part in London Midland's Adopt a Station scheme.

Twelve new community rail posters were launched, featuring images and narrative from example projects throughout the network – Coseley, Hednesford, Northfield, Nuneaton, Olton, Ridgmont, Stechford, Stone, Stratford-upon-Avon, Widney Manor and two projects at Smethwick.

The posters are on show at Birmingham Snow Hill station with the aim of encouraging more people to join their local Adopt a Station scheme.

The initiative aims to make stations more welcoming, providing 'Simply Better Journeys' for customers.

London Midland supplements this work through other community rail projects, eight of which have been shortlisted at the national Community Rail Awards which will be announced today (Thursday).

Faye Lambert, head of community rail at London Midland, said: "The new posters at Snow Hill are a great way of telling the story of what has been achieved thanks to the hard work and dedication of station adopters, community partners and our community rail partnerships over the past 12 months. It is thanks to them that so many communities and customers can now enjoy the special added value that community involvement brings to stations."

Defence awards for Cannock firms

CANNOCK'S Briggs Equipment and ide Systems are among 15 employers from the West Midlands, Warwickshire, Shropshire and Staffordshire that have been awarded the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme Silver Award in celebration of their commitment to supporting the armed forces.

The scheme recognises UK employers who actively demonstrate and pledge their support to defence and the armed forces community.

Silver is awarded particularly to those employers who have signed the Armed Forces Covenant and have demonstrated and communicated supportive behaviour.

Other silver winners for 2017 include HS2 Ltd, Mitchells & Butlers and West Midlands Police.

Walk at Longdon

CHASE Ramblers' walk this Sunday is an eight-mile easy walk in the Longdon area, meeting at Hednesford railway station for a 9am prompt departure. For details call Eve on 01543 685425. New walkers are welcome.

Rock star Hughes collapses on stage

Glenn Hughes – 'note to self'

ROCK star Glenn Hughes reportedly collapsed on stage during a New Zealand show last week.

The former Deep Purple bassist and vocalist from Cannock fell ill during a show at Christchurch's Horncastle Arena on Tuesday night, and said via a video on his Twitter page it t was due to dehydration.

In the video, Hughes thanks his fans for their loving messages.

He described his show the previous night as a 'hiccup' and goes on to say that: "I was suffering from dehydration due to not drinking enough water. Note to self Mr Hughes, always drink water!"

He ends the video by saying: "Peace and love, see you soon."

Hughes is currently touring Classic Deep Purple live across Australia and New Zealand.

Released

This is the first tour in 40 years on which Hughes will perform a full concert comprising of solely Deep Purple material.

Meanwhile, it has been announced that the former Trapeze man, now frontman of Black Country Communion, will feature on Joe Satriani's solo album that is being released in the new year. The latest Black Country Communion album BCCIV, was released last month, and Satriani's 16th solo album, What Happens Next, is out on January 12.

It features Hughes on bass and drummer Chad Smith, of Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Black Country Communion, which also includes Dudley-born drummer Jason Bonham, plays Wolverhampton Civic Hall on January 2.

School is progressing says watchdog after new visit

A CANNOCK school which was failing to make the grade is now making progress, according to a government watchdog.

Ofsted inspectors went into Cannock Chase High School in January 2016 and rated it as 'Requires Improvement'.

Inspectors said pupils' GCSE results in the previous two years had not been good enough and there was not enough progress in key subjects including maths and science. There were also varying degrees of teaching quality.

But now the regulator has noted that improvements are being made following a return visit last month to monitor progress.

In a letter to headteacher Iain Turnbill, inspector Alun Williams said: "Senior leaders and governors are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the last inspection in order to become a good school." Mr Williams said there had been a 'stable' period of staffing since the 2016 inspection.

Impact

He said: "The trajectory of improvement that was already evident at the time of the previous inspection has continued and accelerated in the intervening time. The headteacher, senior and middle leaders and governors are all committed to seeing the school improve.

"Their improvement plans and actions have had considerable impact.

"Standards of achievement at the end of Year 11 improved considerably in 2016.

"Published performance data for this year contains inaccuracies because of the school's continued use of early entry in some subjects.

"Leaders believe that this practice benefits pupils and leads to better final results as a consequence.

"Unvalidated results for 2017 suggest that standards have continued to rise.

"Improvement is particularly evident in mathematics and science, both highlighted as relative weaknesses at the previous inspection."

Mr Williams added: "Leaders' efforts to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils have proved successful."

Dogs the take biscuit after late switch

Lucy Clifford with Bella and Lottie at the dog show which had to relocate at the 11th hour

DOG show organisers have thanked staff at Marquis Drive Visitor Centre on Cannock Chase for hosting their event – after an illegal travellers camp in Walsall threatened to derail the day.

Greyhound Gap held its biggest event of the year on Sunday with 200 dogs and their owners attending after the last-minute switch.

Charity founder Lisa Cartwright said: "This is such an important event to us. It is just one of those things with the travellers.

"I think Walsall Council have been absolutely fantastic.

They did offer us an alternative pitch but unfortunately we were unsure whether the travellers had moved on by then or not. I can't thank the visitor centre enough."

Greyhound Gap rescues, rehabilitates and rehomes greyhounds and lurchers.

Best black dog Nero and Steve Tucker

NEWS IN BRIEF

Get on your marks for 10k road race

CHASE MP Amanda Milling will set the runners on their way for the Cannock Rotary Club 10k road race.

The eighth such event raising money for Rotary-supported good causes, it sets off from near the Marquis Drive Visitor Centre at 11am on Sunday, November 19.

Every finisher will receive a commemorative medal and the race will be accurately timed. Prizes are awarded for the first three places in the men's and ladies' events, as well as for age group winners and best fancy dress. The entry fee is £12 or £15 on the day.

Register at www.cambaevents.com or www.stuweb.co.uk

Sea Cadet selected for training stint

CADET Sergeant Tom Hankin, a member of the Stafford and Rugeley unit of the Sea Cadets, was selected to attend Sea Cadet Training Centre (SCTC) Caledonia based at HM Naval base Rosyth as a trainee instructor for a six-week programme, funded entirely by the Sea Cadet Corps.

Tom attended a week-long selection event held at SCTC Weymouth earlier in the year where 20 finalists were tested on their teamwork skills, instructing capabilities and their sailing ability. Tom was one of six Cadets selected for SCTC Caledonia.

Wine festival at country mansion

A WINTER wine festival is being held at Sandon Hall this month.

The Wolseley Wine Loft, an independent wine merchant based at Wolseley Bridge, will present a selection of its wines, gins and spirits during the tasting evening at the country mansion near Stafford on October 28 starting at 7pm.

The merchant's suppliers will showcase red, white, rose and sparkling wines that have been specially selected for the festive period.

To book a place, email info@wolseleywineloft.co.uk

Schools alerted over suspected abduction

AN attempted child abduction in Cannock has put schools on alert.

At about 4.10pm last Wednesday a man in a light blue car asked an 11-year-old boy to get into the vehicle in Littleworth Road near Priory Road.

Staffordshire Police said the boy ran home and was unharmed, and the driver made no attempt to pursue him. The force has urged all schools in the area to remind children about the risk of stranger danger

IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Phones OK surely if you are not mobile

DESPITE stiff new penalties, more than 16 million motorists admit to still using their mobile phones while driving, according to shock new figures from the RAC.

Well that's not strictly true. Delving a little deeper, the figure actually includes seven million who only use their phones while their cars are stationary.

The RAC says it is immaterial whether the car is moving or stood still in traffic. But it does make a difference, doesn't it? Because you can't hurt anyone if you are not moving.

And given the authorities' fondness for digging up roads and shutting motorways, is it really surprising some will text their work to say traffic is at a standstill?

There is no excuse for using a handheld mobile phone while driving but the law should show a bit of common sense when it comes to people in stationary vehicles. And many will still risk a £200 fine if the alternative is an angry boss wanting to know why they didn't tell them they would be late.

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TWITTER is thinking of doubling the number of characters people can use in their messages. Which means if trials are successful, trolls will have a whole 280 characters to spew their venom. And Donald Trump will be able to rile twice as many megalomaniacs into nuclear war. What's not to like?

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TALKING of internet trolls, new research shows 87 per cent of MPs suffered some sort of abuse in the run-up to the last election. It's tempting to say this is not nearly enough, but some of the stories suggest this goes way beyond the harmless heckling of a vibrant democracy.

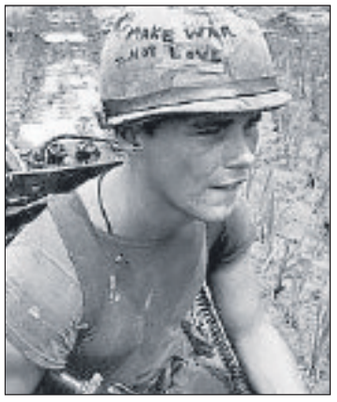
Labour's Diane Abbott seems to have suffered most, experiencing racist and sexist abuse nobody should endure.

I've never understood why people get so het up about politics, it's a bit like brawling over which brand of margarine tastes best. But some people can no longer discuss economics or immigration without the sort of tribalism traditionally reserved for Millwall away games.

Perhaps Miss Abbott should have a word with Laura Pidcock, the 29-year-old Corbynite MP who described her political opponents as "the enemy", and said she would never be friends with a Conservative. Hopefully one day she will realise that disagreeing with someone is no reason to hate them. MPs can hardly expect people to be nice to them when they can't be nice to each other.

Pros and cons of life with technology and capitalism

Corbyn's nationalisation plans. Should they include insurance companies?



The Vietnam War, remembered in a 10-part series on BBC4, recommended by Rhodes

Sian Gibson in Car Share, who kept using a grandfather's funeral to get a day off work

Droning on about insurance rip-offs

SCIENTISTS report this has been a bad year for butterflies. Which we all understand means a shortage of butterflies. "A bad year for wasps" has an entirely different meaning.

RESEARCH at Nottingham University suggests the winter-flu jab is more effective if you're in a happy frame of mind when you get it. This may reinforce your belief in the awesome power of the mind over body. On the other hand, you may take the view that a vaccine whose efficacy depends on how happy you feel must be a pretty feeble sort of vaccine.

AS you may be aware, I am no great fan of drones, those irritating mini-aircraft that snoop over our gardens on summery, sunbathing days. But the drone seems to have transformed the long-running war between police and those scumbags of the countryside, hare coursers. With a drone in the air, the cops can detect this sadistic activity, identify the vehicles involved and direct patrol cars to nick them. In a recent incident in Norfolk, a police drone traced four men; they were questioned and their 4x4 vehicle was seized. Coursers aim to terrorise and kill the innocent and beautiful brown hare. How fitting that, from the moment they hear the drone above them, they now know they are the prey, the predator has them in its sights and there is no escape. Poetic justice.

OH, Jeremy Corbyn. What is this eagerness to nationalise gas, water, electricity and the railways when the real scoundrel, the biggest, nastiest example of the unacceptable face of capitalism, grows fatter by the day? It comprises dozens of companies selling virtually identical products, ripping us off with yearly price hikes way in excess of inflation, treating loyal customers like suckers and luring us on with massive advertising campaigns which we, naturally, pay for. I refer to the British insurance industry. The sooner it is nationalised and run by the people for the people, the better. You can understand the wicked Tories regarding the industry as untouchable but surely Labour has a view?

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

THE Vietnam War (BBC4) is a masterful 10-part series on a conflict unlike any other. It was so vivid, so violent and so endlessly filmed that it became part of our culture throughout the 1960s. Every evening's news brought more frightful images as we became familiar with places like Da Nang and Khe Sanh. And then, quite suddenly in 1975, it was all over and no-one, least of all the Americans, wanted to talk about it. Vietnam became the let-it-be-forgotten war. In 1992 I was on a press trip to Saigon. For us older hacks it was a city that, thanks to all the TV coverage, we half-knew. See? Here's the US embassy and over there's the presidential palace where NVA tanks smashed down the gates in the closing minutes of the war. But for the younger journalists it was just a holiday destination, a warm, friendly place with cheap taxis and great food. Re-visiting the war is long overdue, if only because it gives us a sharp lesson in how the best of intentions can lead you to fight the wrong enemy and drop blazing napalm on children in the name of democracy.

I HAVE tiny, lingering doubts about the claim that Britain is in for a series of major storms between now and Christmas. The forecasting companies may well be proved right. However, they are apparently using data from as far back as 1940 to predict what may be coming. Looking for patterns in the weather? Why do I keep thinking of roulette wheels?

IN a world riddled with internet scams, a good grasp of English remains our best defence. This, from yet another fake BT email: "This restriction will be disabled intermediately we confirm upgrade successful." Make a note of this one. Intermediately.

A TEACHER in Kent resigned after being accused of inventing a sick partner in order to get time off work. It makes you wonder how many ailing relatives, invoked for compassionate leave, actually exist. Does anyone check? If I remember rightly, in Peter Kay's comedy Car Share, Kayleigh (Sian Gibson) admits having attended her granddad's funeral three times.

THANKS in no small part to you lot and your contributions, this column has been shortlisted in the 2017 Midland Media Awards. Well done, all.

TALKING POINT

At pains to accept age-old problem

A FEW years ago, as an Express & Star journalist approaching the 40th birthday milestone, I was asked to write a first-person article on the pros and cons of notching up my fifth decade on this planet.

It had the usual comic references to putting on weight, losing hair in some places and gaining it in others, ha, ha, very funny...

Okay, now move on 12 years, and what do we find? Another version of me, admittedly personal circumstances have changed, workplace roles altered, a new wife, and pain, everywhere.

One day, it would be nice, just for one day, I'm not asking much, to be completely devoid of pain!

The deterioration of the physical form as humans cross the half century threshold was not something anyone told me about.

As I sit here in discomfort, I have pain in my neck, back, left forearm, fingers of both hands, left knee, and right heel/lower leg. And that is before I try and stand up and get my weary body into motion to cross the room towards the kettle to make a cup of tea.

I am married to a lady who has a catalogue of symptoms, women do seem to get it much worse. I only have three prescription drugs to take every day, she has a drawer-full!

Shoes make all the difference to getting through the day too. Who on earth was around when I was 30-odd to warn me of such required considerations? If I go for the cool-looking flat American style black hi-top sneakers, I believe they are called – you know, like the ones Will Smith wears in I, Robot – within yards of walking I go through the Charles Darwin-inspired evolution of humans chart, only backwards. Starting off with the upright homosapien, ending up with chimpanzee.

I arrive at whatever destination it might be a crumpled mess and no matter what I do, I yearn for a motorised scooter to take me back home again. Perhaps that is why we see so many of them around these days – poor choice of footwear!

It seems that home comforts are needed more and more as we get older. Apart from missing my slippers on a recent holiday, I found it almost impossible to get to sleep at night in a strange bed without my beloved pillow.

I can only assume that the pains that I feel will become more tolerable when I hit the big 6-0, as I will either have so many that only the big pains will be noticeable, or perhaps the Alzheimer's will mean that I am not aware of them at all.

GRAEME ANDREW

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Vehicle owners could hold key to Kerry probe

POLICE are trying to trace the owners of 10 vehicles as part of their investigations into the unexplained death of Kerry Cast.

The 40-year-old was found dead in her home in Herondale, Hednesford, on July 1.

A post-mortem examination has since proved to be inconclusive, and now, Staffordshire Police have released CCTV footage in the hope it will help uncover what happened.

Kerry Cast

Kerry was discovered by police after concerned neighbours reported her absence. She was last seen alive on June 27.

CCTV images of her were previously released by businesses in the Hednesford area. Tests are still ongoing to determine how she died.

Her mother Kathy Weaver has already made a heartfelt public appeal calling for information because she does not believe her daughter would have killed herself. She described her as a 'private person' and said she had close friends in the area.

She said: "It is heartbreaking for us. We love Kerry so much and we miss her and you try to deal with her loss, but at the same time you want answers.

"Any information, no matter how small it maybe to someone, it might be important."

The former Cannock Chase High School pupil lived alone in a one-bedroom flat for three months after her husband, John Cast, died.

He was diagnosed with motor neuron disease and they moved from Burton to West Sussex with their two children, aged eight and nine. The children now live with Mrs Weaver.

These vehicles were captured by CCTV cameras in Hednesford

DCI David Giles, from Staffordshire Police, said: "Kerry Cast was found dead nearly three months ago.

"We now want to try and identify the owners of these 10 vehicles so that we can speak to them.

"The vehicles in question were captured on local CCTV covering the Herrondale area from late night on Tuesday, June 27, into the early hours of Wednesday, June 28. Our investigation also needs to establish where Kerry was and who she was with from 1pm on June 27 when she returned home to 17 Herondale, Hednesford, to 2.20pm on Saturday, July 1, when she was found dead."

Anyone with information that could assist the investigation is asked to call police on 101.

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Remarkable behaviour

IT seems trendy these days for lefties to worship Corbyn as if he is the new messiah.

I find this behaviour quite remarkable and must conclude that Labour supporters are able to erase reality from their perception because they seem to be oblivious or perhaps in denial about the fact he steered Labour to a third general election defeat in a row.

Can you imagine how cock-a-hoop his groupies would be if he actually won something for a change?

ANDREW WILLIAMS
Rugeley

Decent rise?

THE police and prison officers are to get a rise; how about a decent rise for the firemen, who risk their lives to save others?

MRS B M BALL
Cannock

I'm furious at this 'don't care' attitude

WITH regards to the article "Increase in dogs attacking dogs" advising people to ring 101 – what a joke (Chronicle, September 28).

My dog was recently attacked by a Staffordshire bull terrier in a pub car park. Although the dog was on a leash, its owner was sitting on a bench and not holding it.

His dog lunged at my old dog, biting her and ripping her skin, causing distress, bleeding and a £268 vet bill, which I had to pay.

I was furious with the man who owned the dog.

He said sorry after he pulled it off my dog, but that's all and continued to sit on the bench, unconcerned.

I rang 101, it took over five minutes to get through, but when I did and explained what had happened, I was told to get his name and address and take out a private prosecution; they couldn't do a thing.

The man wouldn't give me his name or address – what a surprise.

I have since seen this man and this dog out walking with no muzzle on.

It's the 'don't care' attitude most people seem to have these days . . . and don't bother ringing 101.

S TURNER
Cannock

There is a basic need of affordable homes

I REFER to Mr Allport's letter ("Ownership had impact", September 28).

His claim that the increase in homelessness is a product of the sale of council homes is a ludicrous statement and a pathetic attempt to try and deflect the Tories' inability to provide ordinary people with the basic human need of affordable homes.

Private rents have been allowed to soar well above the rise in people's earnings, and the ending of private tenancies is the main cause of homelessness in England.

COUNCILLOR PAUL WITTON
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Why the reality is different

JEREMY Corbyn's party conference speech in front of the Labour banner "For the many not the few" may appeal to those who believe in Father Christmas but the reality is significantly different.

He wants to nationalise among others Southern Rail because of the bad guys that run it. However, the Aslef union have just rejected a train drivers' 23.8 per cent four-year pay rise and their continuing strike action will cause misery to hundreds of thousands of commuters.

This is clearly a case of the few causing distress to the many and is an indication of his union pals' expectations of huge pay rises, even if it pushes the country nearer to bankruptcy.

PJS
Cannock

So when is the penny finally going to drop?

HOW can our political elite bargain with a system that has eluded its own auditors that have for years been unable to balance its books for over 19 years?

In 2013 alone the audit found that the EU was over £100 billion out by what they described as a material error.

Even from 2015 to the present day they have used the same statement: "Payments are not free from material errors."

They are currently at 3.8 per cent of the EU spending and yet we are still bartering with them about the single market and the customs union and a supposed divorce bill starting at £20 billion.

When is the penny – oh, I mean a billion – going to drop? We're being conned into submission.

MR A ALLPORT
Huntington

Short-sighted politicians

WHEN you look at politicians must have tunnel vision. They are incapable of looking into the future.

Germany wakes up to find the right have won seats; they have only got themselves to blame.

Listen to the voters. We voted for Brexit but the powers that be are doing everything to water it down and saying we don't really know what we have voted for. They may wake up to shock when they lose their seats.

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Club cops a visit from former WPc

The Ridwares WI

RIDWARES WI heard from Cas Bailey who had joined West Midlands Police in 1974 as a cadet. She joined 24 other cadets at Walsall where she was the only female.

Training consisted of PE one morning a week with an ex-Army man, a whole day at the police station and all cadets had to do The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

When Cas reached 18 she became a WPc and was sent on an intensive training course by West Mercia Police, studying, law, how to write reports and how to get on and off a bus quickly! After completing the course Cas was posted to Walsall but had to work for eight weeks with an experienced officer.

Before the Equal Pay Act WPcs dealt mainly with female shoplifters and sexual offences but after the Act was passed they had to do the same shift patterns as male officers. By 1986 Cas had been promoted to Sergeant and became the Custody Officer at Wolverhampton.

Her talk was peppered with amusing anecdotes of being a lone woman in a male-dominated environment where her sharp sense of humour carried her through.

The competition of a 70s memento was won by Gaye Tayler.

New members always welcome. Either come along or telephone 01543 492136 for details.

Donations to stock up supplies of food

President Val Jones, third from left, and club members with some of the food items

SI Cannock & District

SOROPTIMISTS are marking World Food Day – Monday October 16 – by donating items to the Cannock Food Bank, collecting at their September and October meetings.

An urgent plea for more food has been put out as stocks are running very low.

Soroptimists are pleased to be able to support this project – many of us are lucky enough to never have to worry about where the next meal comes from, though we know this is not the case for everyone. Enabling a mother to feed her children (and herself) means a safer and healthier life.

All food donated is either tinned or in packets and they welcome such items as: milk, UHT or powdered; sugar; soup; pasta sauces; tinned veg; tea bags; instant coffee; tinned meat or fish; tinned fruit; tinned rice pudding; jam; biscuits or snack bars.

Figures show that one in five people in the UK live below the poverty line; foodbanks provide essential help to these people and families. Cannock & District Foodbank works using a voucher referral system and recipients receive a pack containing three days worth of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food. More information at www.cannockdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

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STEVE Dean, former County Archaeologist, gave a talk on further developments in Staffs Archaeology.

One of the sites he spoke about was St John's Hospital, Lichfield where 50 skeletons had been uncovered underneath the bowling green. Some were juveniles aged about 10 years and three out of the 50 were thought to be of African origin.

Steve related how a second hoard, of three Iron Age gold necklaces and a a bracelet had been found by two detectorists in Staffordshire, this time in Leek, in December 2016.

Ian Bott will be the speaker in October on The Midland Zeppelin Outrage.

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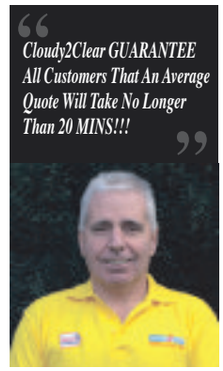

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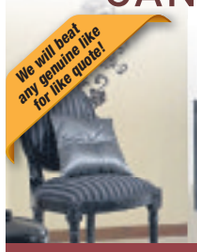

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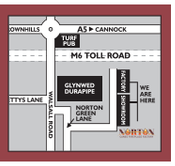

Oh, not again! Another explosive found at site

BOMB disposal experts carried out a controlled explosion on a suspected mortar found on a building site.

The device was found during excavation work on the site at Milestone Way, Chasetown, on Thursday.

Witnesses described how a robot was brought in to dispose of the device.

A new housing development is being built opposite Morrisons supermarket on land that used to be occupied by ES Smith, a firm which recovered war weapons. Other unexploded devices have been found in recent years, bringing construction to a halt.

On Thursday, Staffordshire Police were alerted to the incident at around 11.55am after the discovery was made. A cordon was put in place, although the force said this was a precautionary measure.

Shocked

The Army's bomb disposal team was then called to the site where a controlled explosion was carried out shortly before 3pm.

One woman working at the site, who did not wish to be named, said: "This isn't the first time it's happened, there have been a few. The first time we were a bit shocked. But now it happens and we just think 'Oh it's just Burntwood again'."

A post on the Staffordshire Police Facebook page said: "Good news, The mortar that was discovered opposite Morrisons at Milestone Way in Chasetown, Burntwood has been safely detonated by our Bomb Disposal Team."

A Taylor Wimpey spokesperson said: "A spent artillery shell was discovered as part of investigation works on land adjacent to Burntwood Manor, which is not owned by Taylor Wimpey.

"The spent artillery shell was then removed from site. We'd like to reassure residents that it was found to pose no risk, there is no cause for concern."

First glimpse of panto cast

Sam Rabone, Adrian Bevan, Cat Sandion and Ben Thornton at the launch of Aladdin at the Lichfield Garrick

THE magical tale of Aladdin will be brought to life in the Lichfield Garrick's own 'high flying' family pantomime this festive season.

For the official launch, the cast arrived at the theatre to meet the staff, creative team, and each other, before taking to the stage for photos and press interviews. Passers-by were treated to a first glimpse of the cast in their costumes as they posed for photographers with the panto sponsors, the Chambers Group.

Aladdin runs at the Lichfield Garrick from November 30 to January 6. Tickets are selling fast and a number of performances have already sold out. Call 01543 412121.

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Business forced to close for HS2

Rosemary Barnes with daughter Grace Barnes on the last day their family shop and cafe was open at Packington Moor Farm

A FAMILY farm shop and cafe has closed its doors after 30 years of trading – because it lies in the path of HS2.

Packington Moor Farm shop near Lichfield first opened in 1986 but it has now shut up shop as the high-speed rail line will cut straight through it.

The Barnes family has been on the farm since 1921. The farm shop was opened in 1986, which in turn led to the family hosting weddings in the farmhouse garden.

After more than 700 weddings this, too, will close at the end of December. Owners Rosemary and John Barnes said their last day had proved emotional.

For their final day, they served a busy shop full of loyal customers with a buffet, special offers, and pork and bacon rolls. Mr Barnes said: "There was a really good turnout."

The couple brought their two children up at the farm – Grace, now aged 36, and Henry, 33, who also lived there with his wife Jo and two children.

The family are relocating to Gloucestershire next year.

Councils' warning over care funding

LOCAL authorities in the West Midlands region are warning the Government of the 'catastrophic impact' on residents if pledged social care funding is not honoured.

With winter a matter of weeks away, leaders have called on Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt to act now to avert a potential health and social care crisis.

By David Banner

The call comes after NHS England suddenly set new targets for local authorities to reduce the delays in the number of people leaving hospital.

Latest government figures show that in the majority of cases this is because people are waiting for NHS services, not social care.

NHS England says that local authorities who don't meet the targets immediately will not have funding approved as part of the Better Care Fund, which aims to support more people in their home and communities rather than kept in hospital.

This amounts to around £150 million in the West Midlands which is needed to fund services for the most vulnerable people including homecare, reablement and residential care, all of which directly help the NHS.

Staffordshire County Council is one of the West Midlands authorities to sign a letter to the Secretary of State asking him to intervene and act immediately to avert the looming crisis.

Its leader Councillor Philip Atkins said: "We have submitted locally agreed plans to achieve the targets by July next year.

"The sudden introduction of targets which are impossible to meet, and consequent withholding of social care funding, will mean we are unable to provide care for very vulnerable people and will make hospital discharge delays much worse."

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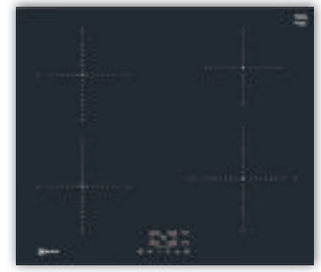

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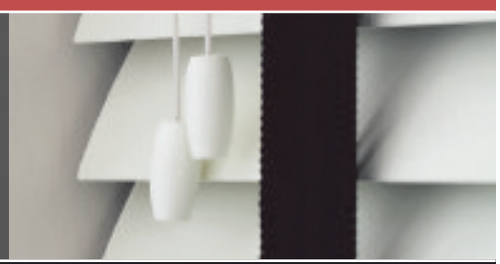

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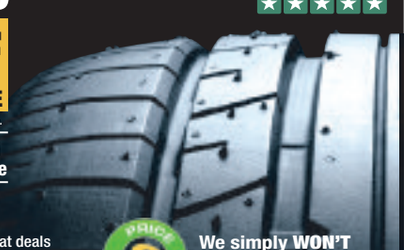

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Doreen takes grand tour to solve eternal dilemma

REVIEW
Doreen's Black Country DVD
By Diane Davies

REGIONAL treasure and self-styled Queen of the Black Country Doreen Tipton is on a mission!

Perhaps surprisingly, the Lazy Cow takes it upon herself to answer the eternal Black Country dilemma – where is the Black Country?

As she points out, no two Black Country folk will ever agree on where or what it is. So in her latest DVD Doreen, alias south Staffordshire actress Gill Jordan,sets out to reveal her very own Black Country.

Told as only a true Black Country wench can, and with complete irreverence, heart-felt fondness and lashings of Black Country humour, Doreen offers her own unique take on its people, places and history.

With a frisky tapir at Dudley Zoo

Doreen's Black Country DVD cover

Doreen interviews Tipton Terror and Wolves legend Steve Bull

Butcher

Black Country characters making it onto the DVD include Colin the chatty 82-year-old underwear salesman at Brierley Hill market, fellow trader 'Bruce the Butcher of Brierley Hill' and dancing 73-year-old 'apprentice' Ken. There is Simon the canal man/ Peaky Blinders actor in Dudley, Ade the Wing Chun expert at Priory Park Boxing Club, Walsall town crier Cyril Richardson and even the Express & Star's own archivist Adam Phillips.

Regularly waving the Black Country flag, the Grand Tour takes in The Nether Regions (!), Dud-lay; Walsall, Wul-vrampton and, of course, a homecoming at her beloved Tipton.

The gems of the Black Country to get a 'royal' visit include Dudley Castle and Zoo, Priory Park boxing club where we discover Doreen can pack a punch, The Dog House antiques shop in Walsall, Molineux, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, Dunstall Park, Mad O'Rourke's Pie Factory and the Express & Star where she gives editor Keith Harrison a grilling.

A highlight for many will be the 'rare interview' with Wolves 'leg-end' Steve Bull who also hails from Tipton. Much of the DVD will resonate with the proud Black Country people. Whether she answers the dilemma or not, her tour does highlight the region's kindred spirit, sense of community and humour.

This is a must-watch for anyone proud of the Black Country, is interested in its heritage, or who simply enjoys a bit of a loff. It is now available at the website www.doreen.tv

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Travel career takes off with two awards

Oliver Maye – 'I feel honoured to pick up two awards in the same evening'

A CANNOCK-BASED travel agent has collected two national industry awards after impressing judges with his passion and drive to deliver excellent customer service.

Oliver Maye, who works at the Hawks Green branch of The Midcounties Co-operative Travel, picked up the prize for 'High Street Agent of the Year – Multiple' and 'Young Travel Agent' at the TTG Travel Awards. He was selected from among thousands of entries across the two categories to win the coveted accolades at a ceremony in London.

Oliver joined The Midcounties Co-operative Travel in May 2015 as a trainee travel adviser and studied towards his BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Travel & Tourism. Previously, he worked as a sales assistant in a supermarket before applying to his current employers.

"I feel honoured to pick up two awards in the same evening," Oliver said. "It's a really great feeling to get recognition for a job I enjoy doing so much."

Search is on to find retailer of the year

THE 2017 Best Retailers of Cannock Chase competition to find the best independent shops, market stalls and café/restaurants in the district has been launched.

Residents can vote for their favourite outlet until November 30 and the businesses with the most votes in each category will be crowned the winner.

The competition, now in its fourth year, has a new category – the best Cannock Chase retailer.

Winners will be announced on Small Business Saturday, which this year takes place on December 2.

Popular

Small Business Saturday UK is a not-for-profit campaign, which highlights small business success and encourages the UK to support small businesses.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling, who has just launched the 2017 competition, said: "Each year, the competition goes from strength to strength, and last year's competition was no different.

"Due to popular demand I have added a new category this year – the overall winner, representing the retailer that receives the most votes overall.

"This means that one business has the chance to not only win their category, but also be crowned the most popular retailer in Cannock Chase."

"It's our independent businesses that make our high streets so vibrant. They deserve all the support they can get."

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By Simon Stone

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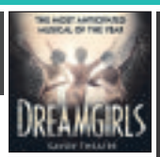

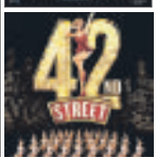

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Ecstatic – thousands turned out for the biggest ever Pride festival in the city

Howl's that! Record set as festivalgoers show Pride in city

Pop favourites S Club thrilled the crowds

Rainbow look for Laura Marie Howard, of Wolverhampton

Enthusiastic reception as S Club take to the stage

WRAPPED in rainbow flags and in the mood to party, thousands of revellers converged on Wolverhampton city centre for the annual Pride festival.

Pop favourites S Club notched up the energy levels even more with a storming performance on the main stage – and Wolverhampton roared its way into the history books by setting a world howling record.

Visitors refused to let the rain dampen their spirits as the revived Pride festival kicked off under a new format and in a new venue, beside the university in Wulfruna Street.

Wolverhampton City Council stepped in to rally support when previous organisers, the LGBT Network, struggled to finance the event after stringent cutbacks. The 2017 festival cost £30,000 to stage, triple the previous investment.

And with more than 6,000 free tickets booked in advance, Kevin O'Keefe, the city council's director of governance, declared the festival a huge success.

Mingling with the crowds at Saturday's event, he said: "We haven't sought to compete with Birmingham Pride. We feel we're offering something very unique here. Wolverhampton Pride is less commercial, more fun, and more grounded in the community."

Sponsors

With new sponsors and professional festival organiser Will Power at the helm, Pride has reinvented itself as an all-encompassing celebration, still retaining its quirky image and colourful characters.

Alongside the main stage tent, were a cocktail tent and dance tent with an arts and crafts area set up for children's activities, also featuring some of the Wolves in Wolves artists, and several food stalls. LGBT traders sold everything from 'Yes I Am' T-shirts to rainbow-coloured feather boas.

Precisely 1,004 people in the main tent took part in a 60-second Big Howl, rocketing themselves into the World Guinness Book of Records for the most number of people wolf howling continuously for a minute.

They smashed the former world record which stood at 803 people, set at Niagara Falls on July 1 this year. Independent adjudicators verified the bid and organisers are now waiting for the the record to be officially recognised.

Immediately afterwards, former S Club 7 members Jo O'Meara, Tina Barrett and Bradley McIntosh took to the stage to the delight of new and older fans, and prompting some nostalgic 20-somethings in the crowd to stand on their seats and boogie.

The event was organised by the city council, Wolverhampton Homes and the university, helped by a range of sponsors including city nightclub Gorgeous and The Grain Store. Colin Parr, the city council's head of governance, said: "It's a celebration of the city's diversity."

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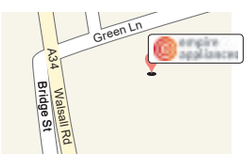

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Showing support for Floozie's bra

Zoe Lockett of Heath Hayes hopes her giant bra will stop passers-by in their tracks

A FASHION student from Heath Hayes has designed a huge bra for Birmingham's 'Floozie in the Jacuzzi' to wear, as part of a campaign raising awareness of breast cancer.

Working in conjunction with West Midlands-based charity Ladies Fighting Breast Cancer, student Zoe Lockett hopes her giant bra will stop passers-by in their tracks.

"I wanted to create something that was really feminine but also attracted a lot of attention," the Birmingham City University student said.

"I've added lots of flowers to the bra, and it even has lights too. Hopefully it's quite a head-turner."

always looking for ways to promote awareness of this terrible disease in our diverse community."

The Floozie in the Jacuzzi's official name is The River and is part of a set of sculptures in Birmingham's Victoria Square created by Indian sculptor, Dhruva Mistry.

Zoe's bra is on show until October 31.

Ambulance call-outs to prisons on the rise

AMBULANCE call-outs to prisoners have soared in two years. West Midlands Ambulance Service sent paramedics to HMP Featherstone, HMP Oakwood, HMP Stafford and HMP Birminghamf 823 times last year.

This compared with 655 in 2014. The figures obtained in a Freedom Of Information Act request come months after Featherstone Prison was slammed for safety.

The 687-capacity prison, run by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), which received the lowest rating of one out of four in the category in an annual report, saw 193 ambulance call-outs last year, compared with 94 in 2014.

By Alex Ross

The MoJ said it was taking immediate action to tackle the drugs, drones and phones that undermine security. It also said it had seen a large increase in the number of older prisoners.

On its prison estate across the country, it said it was investing £100 million annually to boost the frontline by 2,500 officers.

An MoJ spokesman said: "Ambulance call-outs are made by healthcare professionals when they identify risks. However, a significant number are for non-violent incidents, including where they attended as a precaution and when the situation was resolved by prison staff.

"Where violent incidents occur, we work closely with the police and Crown Prosecution Service to push for the strongest possible punishment – including additional time behind bars."

Other MoJ-run prisons include HMP Stafford which also saw an increase in call-out over the two years, from 80 to 137 last year.

At HMP Oakwood, run by G4S, ambulance call-outs dropped from 330 to 306 over the two years. But at G4S's other jail, HMP Birmingham, the number rose from 141 to 187.

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War tribute from the hearts

A POIGNANT art project to mark 100 years since one of the First World War's most savage battles has been launched, with the help of visitors to the National Memorial Arboretum.

Members of the public are being urged to help construct a huge origami installation commemorating the sacrifice made by the British Armed Forces, and their families at home, during The Battle of Passchendaele.

The project, called Heartfelt Messages, involves crafting an origami heart and writing a personal message on it, reflecting the thousands of letters that flowed between soldiers on the frontline and their loved ones during the conflict.

Passchendaele's notoriously muddy conditions directly contributed to the loss of lives as soldiers drowned in the quagmire caused by extensive shelling.

The art project will be on display until November 10.

From left, Liz Blood, head of heritage and learning at the National Memorial Arboretum, artist Nicola Colclough and exhibition officer Kathryn Rogerson

Payout 'step forward but I still hate him'

A VICTIM of disgraced breast surgeon Ian Paterson has said the approval of a £37 million compensation plan is 'a step forward'.

But Frances Perks said her hatred for 59-year-old Paterson remains undiminished – and she is still struggling to come to terms with what happened to her.

Last week a High Court judge backed the compensation plan for victims treated by Paterson in private hospitals, and Mrs Justice Whipple paid tribute to the 'resilience' of hundreds of patients who suffered at the hands of the rogue surgeon.

Among Paterson's victims were Mrs Perks, of Burntwood, and Leanne Joseph, of Cheslyn Hay. Mrs Perks, 59, had 10 unnecessary operations carried out on her by Paterson.

Frances Perks – 'I've got the scars'

She said: "I've made clear for a long time what I feel towards Ian Paterson – I hate him, for what he's done to me and the rest of us. It's had an enormous effect on my life and my family's life.

"But at least it's coming to an end. I'm never going to be able to totally forget it because I've got the scars, and I see them every day.

"But now he's tucked away in prison and with us getting compensation at least things are moving forward.

"We've got to try to put some closure on it, but it's difficult."

The approval proceedings in London formally ended the litigation which was due to go to a lengthy hearing this month.

Paterson, of Altrincham, Greater Manchester, who is now serving a 20-year sentence, was convicted by a jury at Nottingham Crown Court of 17 counts of wounding with intent and three counts of unlawful wounding against 10 private patients.

Council supports gum bid

A COUNCIL has decided it has spent long enough chewing over the stickiest of litter problems.

Lichfield District Council is among 44 local authorities chosen to take part in a campaign to highlight the importance of putting used chewing gum in a bin.

The Chewing Gum Action Group is running the #binityourway campaign to encourage the whole nation to rethink how they treat their neighbourhoods.

Funded by the chewing gum industry, the campaign includes colourful posters, adverts and banners.

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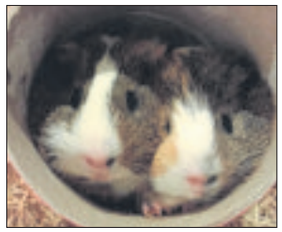

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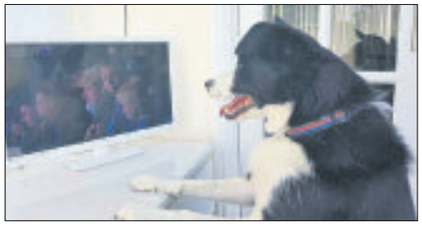

Six-year-old border collie Jess enjoys watching tennis

Border terrier Judy, aged 10, has recovered from cancer

Snapshots reveal creature comforts

There is certainly some animal magic going on around here – as your pet pictures show.

Since The Chronicle launched its Animal Crackers photo competition readers have snapped to it and are sending in a host of cute, quirky and arty pictures of their pets.

From doe-eyed dogs, to cute kittens to fluffy guinea pigs, we loved it. And we want more pictures. Send us a picture of your beloved pet and as well as the chance to see your family pet in print, you could also win a £100 cash prize.

It can be any animal as long as it is a pet belonging to you or a member of your family.

Our Chronicle judges are simply looking for interesting pictures. We will select 10 of our favourite pictures and then it is up to our readers to decide which picture deserves the cash prize.

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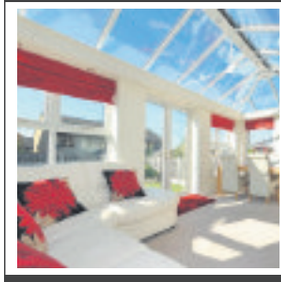

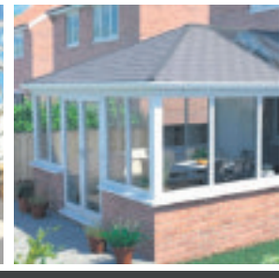

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WHAT'S ON

Expert to put on a display for villages' flower club

CHESLYN Hay & Great Wyrley Flower Club will be presenting a demonstration by national expert Tony Brown titled 'T'ts a Gardeners Joy' today (Thursday).

The demonstration, at the Salem Church Hall in Cheslyn Hay, starts at 7.30pm. Admission is £7 to include refreshments. Non-members are welcome.

For further information, call 01922 413782 or 477928 or go to the website Cheslynhayandgreatwyrleyflowerclub.wordpress.com

■ More than 7,000 motorcyclists will make a pilgrimage to the National Memorial Arboretum on Saturday for the annual Ride to the Wall event. This unique service of remembrance is attended by motorcycle enthusiasts from across the country and from overseas, all seeking to pay their respects to those who can 'no longer ride by our side'.

From 9am, the riders will leave one of 11 designated start points, all arriving at the Arboretum by 1pm.

A service of Remembrance will be held on the Armed Forces Memorial.

■ A joint exhibition in celebration of art is planned at Norton Canes Community Centre, in Brownhills Road, on Sunday from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

Taking part will be Cannock Photographic Society, Great Wyrley Wesleyan Chapel Arts Group, Norton Canes Watercolour Club and Friends from the village. Admission is free. Art works, cards and photographs will be on sale, and light refreshments will be available.

■ Margaret Smallman will be speaking at a meeting of the Norton Canes Historical Society on Tuesday at the library, in Burntwood Road, Norton Canes. Her talk will be about the time she worked as a conductress on the trolley buses, namely a 'Trolley Dolly!' Doors open at 7pm, admission is free and members and non-members are welcome to join them for the evening.

Cadets get active on the water

Plain sailing – Police Cadets with their raft at the activity day

STAFFORDSHIRE Police Cadets from the Cannock unit took part in an activity day at the Tamworth and Lichfield Sea Cadet base to help them develop their team working skills.

The cadets got involved in activities including raft building, sailing, rowing and power boating, as well as learning nautical skills such as knots. Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Arnold accompanied them on the day. She said: 'It was wonderful to see so many cadets come together to take part in the activity day. It was thoroughly enjoyable and gave the cadets the chance to get out and build their skills as a team in a new environment. As expected the cadets did themselves proud during the activity day.

More information about the unit is available at www.staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk/police-cadets

Go online for first time

PEOPLE are being encouraged to join the digital revolution and get online for the first time at their local library.

National Get Online Week is asking people to use the internet to do just one thing they would normally do in a shop or bank, in a doctors or chemists, or even over the phone.

The campaign, which runs until Sunday, is being backed by Staffordshire County Council's library service, which has staff and volunteers on hand to help people during the week. Advice on the services and activities available in local libraries and support with getting online will all be available.

Councillor Gill Heath, libraries chief at the county council, said: "If you're not confident using a computer, tablet or smartphone, or you've heard about some of the dangers of being online, it can be difficult to take that next step. But getting the most out of the internet doesn't have to be scary.

"We think that doing just one thing online is all you need to do to get started, and we're running events to help people do just that."

Visit www.getonlineweek.com for more details.

M6 Toll enjoys a good year ahead of takeover

THE M6 Toll continued to whittle away at its losses in the months running up to its takeover by Australian group IFM Investors, new figures show.

Despite fears that a lack of major roadworks on the M6 would hit its figures, the M6 Toll actually increased traffic numbers to 17.5 million vehicles in 2016.

Midland Expressway, which operates the motorway, described it as 'an excellent performance' as it had been expecting numbers to fall because of the end of the southbound roadworks that had driven a surge in traffic to the toll road the previous year.

Instead, income from tolls rose to just over £80 million – a £500,000 increase on the previous year. In its financial report for 2016, just filed at Companies House, Midland Expressway said its performance had been buoyed by the growth in the economy and continued relatively low fuel prices.

Secure

Looking ahead, the company said it expected 'strong growth' this year due to roadworks on both the M6 and M5.

This summer the 27-mile motorway was bought by Australian-based IFM Investors, a pension fund-owned investment manager that said the UK's only pay-as-you-go motorway could provide 'stable and secure returns'.

The toll road has yet to make a profit since it opened in 2003 but, following the takeover announcement, there was a vote of confidence from a string investors, including the UK's Pension Protection Fund, which jointly backed a £500m investment in the M6 Toll.

While the toll road did better than expected in 2016, the new figures show income from the rest of the business, particularly the M6 Toll motorway service station, was down 9.8 per cent to £3m.

Youngsters impress on ice

The five finalists in the Skating Stars 2017 Gala at Silver Blades

SKATING stars of the future demonstrated their skills in a gala at the Silver Blades rin k in C annock.

The competition started with 15 contestants and after each six-week course, five contestants were eliminated until there were a final five who then practised their routines for the last six-week run-up to the grand finale.

"In the Skating Stars 2017 Gala we saw all five finalists – Georgia, Tegan, Megan, Lewis and Maxwell – showcase all they had learned throughout the competition," general manager Karol Jets said.

"We had a wonderful gala where we saw Georgia crowned winner of Skating Stars 2017 and Tegan come a close runner-up.

"All of our Skating Star finalists did extremely well with the hard work and dedication put in from themselves and our head coach Tash Fennell. We look forward to seeing you all progress with us further."

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Jenny a life-saver for her cheeky little pup Haggis

A NEWLY QUALIFIED vet at a Staffordshire practice was thrown in at the deep end when she had to perform emergency life-saving CPR on her own pet dog.

Jenny Cooper was on call at Donnachie and Townley's Rugeley practice when she received a message from home to say her Border Terrier puppy Haggis was acting strangely.

By the time she got to him, the little pup was having muscle tremors and was vomiting – symptoms which were put down to him eating something mouldy he had found on the family farm.

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Jenny rushed Haggis into work, by which time he had suffered a seizure and his heart stopped due to being poisoned by the fungus he had eaten.

Jenny performed successful CPR and, together with small-animal clinical lead Sarah Sheppard and nurse Rebecca Cox, anaesthetised Haggis in an attempt to control the seizures.

However, he continued to seizure under anaesthetic, so the team called in the specialist referral team at Willows Veterinary Centre in Solihull.

The neurology team there supplied some powerful drugs for Haggis – by now he was too unstable to be moved – which helped stabilise him.

After 10 hours of seizures, Haggis was finally well enough to be woken up at 5am and is showing no ill effects from his ordeal. Jenny, aged 23, who joined Donnachie and Townley in the summer following her graduation from the University of Edinburgh, said: "Amazingly, Haggis appears to not have sustained any lasting damage and is back to his normal cheeky self.

"I'm extremely grateful to Sarah and Rebecca for pulling an all-nighter and helping save Haggis, and to the neurology team at Willows. Willows gave us advice and supplied us with some specialist drugs which undoubtedly helped save his life."

Haggis is now recuperating at home with Jenny and her and fellow Border Terrier puppy Nessie. To find out more about Donnachie and Townley, visit www.rugeley-vets.co.uk

Donnachie and Townley vet Jenny Cooper with Haggis

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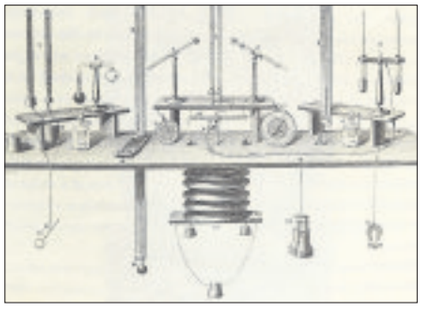
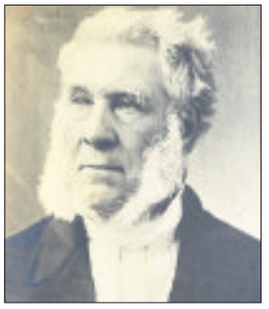


An illustration of some of Glaisher's monitoring equipment



James Glaisher, who died aged 93

Ali Glaisher with a copy of her explorer ancestor's book

Epic balloon journey by Victorian adventurer was Mammoth effort

IT was a record that was set on September 5, 1862 and remains unbroken to this day.

James Glaisher and Henry Tracey Coxwell set off from Wolverhampton's Stafford Road works in their aptly-named balloon, the Mammoth.

Climbing higher and higher, using the gas from the works, Glaisher diligently recorded the atmospheric variables – from the temperature to the wind speed – before quite suddenly, passing out.

Coxwell, the pilot, managed to release the gas in a frantic attempt to get the balloon lower.

The pair had managed to reach a staggering altitude of 37,000 feet, all without oxygen.

Glaisher was so committed to his work, that once he woke up again from his near-death state, he merely went back to recording the variables again.

In fact, the pair were so typically stiff-upper-lip, that they flew the balloon to Shropshire, landing in a field before walking a mile to the nearest pub for a well-deserved pint.

MEMORY LANE

Report by Jessica Labhart

Glaisher is the great, great, great uncle of Wolverhampton's Ali Glaisher, who lives just a stone's throw away from where the pair set off all those years ago. Ali, aged 65, a wildlife conservationist with Staffordshire County Council, said: "We always knew about James and what he got up to. I think he was very phlegmatic – quite calm and unemotional. His records of the flight show the moment he stopped recording – which is actually the moment he nearly died – and the moment he picked up his pen again to continue writing."

Now, an exhibition about the flight is to be accompanied by performances of creative works inspired by the pioneering mission. Wolverhampton Archives is appealing for people to get in touch to provide their creative response to the story of Glaisher and Coxwell, be it in the form of poetry, plays or visual art.

Ali said: "I had no idea how important he was to Wolverhampton until I moved here in 1999. That's when I realised that he had the streets by the Science Park named after him, Coxwell and the balloon, and there was a blue plaque commemorating them."

"There's even a beautiful silver-backed clock in Bantock House which has engravings of Nelson's Column and Snowdon and shows how far they both went up in their balloon."

James Glaisher, who was originally from London and worked for the Greenwich Royal Observatory, wanted to find out what happened to the water vapour as it rose into the atmosphere. Ali said: "They chose Wolverhampton as the base as it was in the middle of the country to them, enough inland so that they didn't risk being blown out to sea."

The Mammoth balloon was was 55 feet in diameter, and 80 feet high. On the day, they reached two miles in the air in just under 20 minutes, and the temperature was at freezing point. Almost half an hour later, they had achieved five miles in the air. It was at 29,000 feet that Glaisher passed out. From this mission, the pair realised that, as they went higher there was less moisture in the atmosphere. This discovery alone changed the way the Victorians and indeed we, understand how and where clouds form, and it advanced our understanding of rain.

It has since been deemed one of the greatest missions of Victorian exploration.

James Glaisher died aged 93 in 1903 in Croydon. Now, the performances inspired by the mission will take place in the Rococo room at Wolverhampton City Archives based at Molineux Hotel on November 4. Wolverhampton poet, Emma Purshouse will choose the poetry and playwright Jefny Ashcroft the short drama pieces. To take part and submit work, send a 150-word outline via email to drama@jefny.org.uk by 5pm on October 21.

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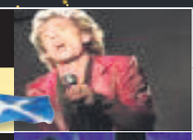

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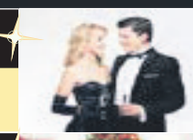

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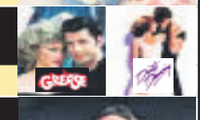

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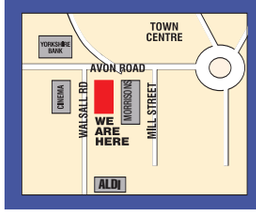

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Allowing learner drivers to go on the motorway, a greater emphasis on hazard awareness and 'show me, tell me' questioning are some of the changes being introduced to the driving test from December 4.

To help parents understand the changes, the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership has launched a new campaign and website at www.newdrivers.info

The website has advice on the new test, choosing a good driving instructor and tips for parents when practising with their child in the family car.

Videos, downloadable guides with hints for first-time car buyers and help with finding the most appropriate insurance are also available for free.

With research showing that one in five newly qualified drivers are involved in a road traffic collision within the first six months of passing their test, the idea behind the new campaign is that young people can avoid being a part of this statistic. Tips from the website include parents should spend as much time as possible sitting with their child as they practise their driving in the family car, and encouraging their child to invest in some post-test training.

Additionally, when choosing car insurance, parents are advised to steer their child towards a telematics [black box] policy.

Driving instructors are also playing their part in the campaign by registering to become one of the team of Honest Truth Instructors which already has more than 100 instructors signed up across Staffordshire.

For details, visit www.staffssaferroads.co.uk

By Simon Stone

Campaign is urging regular tyre checks

Helen Fisher – 'I would definitely encourage people to get into the habit of checking tyres regularly'

MOTORISTS in Staffordshire are being encouraged to check their car tyres and pressures as part of Tyre Safety Month. "Are you having a good or bad air day?" is the question being asked in the latest campaign being supported by the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership.

The initiative is reminding drivers that correct tyre pressures reduce the risk of suffering a dangerous high speed blow-out. And having the right amount of air in tyres means they will last longer, give better handling and braking, will use less fuel, and reduce the impact on the environment.

Speaking on behalf of the partnership, Burntwood South councillor Helen Fisher, cabinet support member for highways and transport at Staffordshire County Council, said: "This is an important campaign. I would definitely encourage people to get into the habit of checking tyres regularly and before any long journeys in particular."

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New collection of poems sums up county in words

POETRY fans from across Staffordshire gathered for a celebration event for the launch of the county's first poetry collection.

The Staffordshire Poetry Collection includes 50 unique poems written by local people and was officially launched at Stafford library as part of National Poetry Day on Thursday.

During the evening, people got to hear readings of the poems, welcome the new Young Poet Laureate **Rebecca Lockwood**, who is from Cannock, and **Rose Galvin**, who was announced as the new Staffordshire Poet Laureate Emily on the night. The collection, chosen from more than 140 entries, forms a diverse and unique picture of Staffordshire in words.

Poet Laureate Emily Galvin and Young Poet Laureate Rebecca Lockwood

Explore

A selection of the poems is currently on display in Stafford Library. Funded by Stafford District Arts Council, local artist Dawn Jutton produced photographs in response to some of the locally themed poems which complement the collection on display.

The collection includes a poem by **Grevel Lindop** called Shugborough Eclogues. Grevel said: "My 'Shugborough Eclogues' are poems about the house and estate at Shugborough Hall. They explore both the bright and darker sides of Shugborough's history and were fascinating to research and write. It's a particular honour for me, as a Manchester poet, to find a place in the collection."

Another of the poems is Ode To Hednesford by **Janice Taylor**, who said: "I came to Hednesford in 2004 after living for over fifty years in Birmingham and instantly felt at home here and still do. Its close-knit community and mining history are still very evident and I hope that will always be so.

Grevel Lindop

Janice Taylor

Sarah Dale

"I write mainly 'odd odes', observational and sometimes tongue-in-cheek and only for friends and family or myself. I feel honoured to be included in the Staffordshire Poetry Collection."

Sarah Dale, whose work A Field in Hammerwich is also featured said her poem 'aims to acknowledge the lives of people who've left no trace of their existence, which means most people.

"If one person who read this wanted to find out more about history, that would be brilliant."

The collection can be seen at www.staffordshirepoetlaureate.wordpress.com/staffordshirepoetrycollection

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The cast of youngsters with Mya Wright as Dorothy

Tin Man Arnold Tshibangu

Arnold Tshibangu took on the role of the robotic Tin Man

Youngsters from Wolverhampton and Sandwell in the ensemble

Milan Balaz as the cowardly lion

The five main acts; Tin Man, Toto, Dorothy, Lion and Scarecrow

In the groove for wizard show

POPPING, locking and lots of hip-hopping, this updated version of The Wizard Of Oz – featuring school students from the Black Country – was an absolute delight.

REVIEW - Groove On Down The Road, Patrick Centre, Birmingham Hippodrome. By Leon Burakowski

Mentored by professional dance company ZooNation, two dozen pupils from schools in Wolverhampton and Sandwell, took the spotlight over several performances.

Performed to a vigorous and loud R&B soundtrack, featuring Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder and breakbeat remixes from Motown's The Wiz movie, Kate Prince's choreography brilliantly blends old school showbiz hoofing with acrobatic hip-hop style.

The set up is that Dorothy is a classroom dreamer, woken from her reverie by an angry teacher and, after being bullied by classmates, escapes into the fantasy world of Oz. Here her various fellow pupils reappear in the guise of The Scarecrow (dressed in dungarees), Tin Man (boiler suit), etc.

The teenaged dancers, some looked even younger, did not put a foot wrong and were rewarded with loud cheers and a standing ovation from friends and parents in the audience at the Hippodrome's dance studio.

The main five pulled off astonishing flicks and tricks – and showed plenty of comic timing – whilst the well-drilled ensemble provided dependable support.

Mya Wright, from Our Lady and St Chad Catholic Academy in Wolverhampton, had apparently boundless energy as the pig-tailed Dorothy.

Zedan Russel was a cheeky super-strutting Toto. Arnold Tshibangu was mecha-amazing as the robotic Tin Man whilst Traileam Richardson drew gasps of admiration with his tumbling skills and fancy footwork as the Scarecrow. Milan Balaz was loyal to the classic hip-hop moves with his spinning Lion, and showed plenty of acting skills too.

The pupils from St Matthias, Coppice Performing Arts, Our Lady and St Chad's schools in Wolverhampton and the Shirelands Academy in Sandwell were superb.

It was the kind of show that saw people leave the venue with a big smile on their face and a spring in their step... more next year please.

Going crazy for actress Sweeney in stage show

ACTRESS, singer and TV personality Claire Sweeney will take the stage for a national tour of a major production next year.

She will take on the role of Irene in Crazy for You, due to light up Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from May 8 to 12, 2018.

The 46-year-old will replace Caroline Flack in the West End smash hit, which is a tribute to Broadway musicals. It is directed by Paul Hart and Claire will join Tom Chambers as Bobby and Charlotte Wakefield who plays Polly.

Sweeney

Sweeney is probably best-known for playing the role of Lindsey Corkhill in Brookside. Other television credits include Clocking Off and Merseybeat along with a presenting role on 60 Minute Makeover and a panellist on ITV's Loose Women.

Her West End roles include Roxie Hart in Chicago and Miss Adelaide in Guys and Dolls. She previously played the title role in Educating Rita at London's Menier Chocolate Factory and prior to that, played Paulette in the UK tour of the award-winning Legally Blonde.

She most recently appeared as Baroness Bomburst in the National Tour of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

Defibrillators are put in Co-op outlets

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Shake-up after key sector demand falls

CHALLENGING market conditions have been blamed for a sharp drop in underlying profits at the Cannock-based arm of global Caterpillar supplier Finning.

To tackle the changes in its marketplace, Finning Holdings carried out a restructuring, including sites and redundancies.

Accounts recently filed at Companies House show the company cut its headcount by 200 people to 1,540 by the end of 2016.

Underlying operating profit on continuing operations of the group fell to £11.5 million from £24.1m the year before.

Overall, the group racked up an operating loss of £2.8m, compared with its £4.6m profit in 2015.

Changes

The company, which supplies Caterpillar mining and construction machines as well as Perkins engines, said in its business review of the year: "The full-year trading results reflect a period of significant change for the group.

"The results of the group in 2016 reflect a comprehensive strategic review of the company's operations and resulting restructuring programme undertaken by directors to position the business to successfully deal with structural changes in the UK marketplace, which have seen significant contraction in demand from key market sectors such as coal mining, steel manufacturing and industries directly and indirectly associated with the oil and gas sector."

Finning added: "The restructuring programme undertaken resulted in consolidation of facilities footprint and associated property reorganisation costs as well as headcount reductions and associated redundancy costs."

It said its actions had seen improved profitability in the second half of the year.

Charity day is a piece of cake

Pupils watch as Ian Sterling, head of prep, judges the cakes

PUPILS at Chase Grammar School held a day of activities for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Parents, staff and children took in their creations including a chocolate Malteser cake, a strawberry cake and an Oreo cheesecake.

To ensure as many people as possible could enjoy a slice of cake, there were also vegan brownies and gluten-free chocolate cake and flapjacks on offer.

As well as buying cakes and socialising over a coffee, a Bake Off was held, with Ian Sterling, head of prep, the judge. After a long deliberation, Mr Sterling chose the Oreo cheesecake made by Summer Locke as the winner.

It was also a non-school uniform day with pupils wearing their own clothes to school and donating £1 for the privilege.

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It's the perfect Pace for a big old Hairspray 'do'

He's sitting in a pub in Lytham St Anne's. Norman Pace is chipper. The actor and comedian who is best known as one half of the comedy duo Hale and Pace has as much work as he would care for and is at peace with the world.

He's presently on the road in Hairspray, the 15-minute blitzkrieg of scintillating fabulousness. The all-singing, all-dancing, all-action musical is set in Baltimore, 1962.

It tells the story Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big hair and an even bigger dream: to dance her way onto national TV, and into the heart of teen idol Link Larkin. Tracy's audition makes her a local star and soon she is using her new-found fame to fight for integration. But can she win equality – and Link's heart – without denting her 'do?

The feel-good musical features the hit songs Welcome To The 60s, You Can't Stop The Beat, The Nicest Kids in Town and many more and has Norman smiling each and every night.

"I have to say that I know Hairspray is a very good show but this really is a tremendous production. Drew McOnie is the go-to choreographer in Broadway and the West End and has worked on this.

"They really pulled out all the stops to get the right people for the show. They went through 1,600 hopefuls before they settled on the 32 people that you see on on stage. It's my first time in it and I'm loving it. A few of the guys have done this before but I'm the new boy, which is funny, since I'm also by far the oldest."

Reaching the tender age of 64 – amid a cast of 20-somethings – is great fun for Norman. Being around the younger generation keeps him young.

"I love being with the kids. Their enthusiasm and joie de vivre is inspiring. I get up at the end of the show and we do You Can't Stop the Beat. I love it. I do it eight times a week. Before I start, I know the audiences will love it and go mad. We've done 40-odd shows and every one has been a standing ovation.

"Seriously, you couldn't wish for a better group. Last night, after the show in Blackpool, one of the guys from the show said he knew a bloke who'd got a pub that did live music. Out of the 55 people on tour, 40 people turned up and we had a great night. The band got up and entertained us. It's brilliant fun."

Norman has to pinch himself when he considers the number of years he's successfully spent in showbusiness. The former teacher has been treading the boards for 36 years – many of them with his friend and comic partner Gareth Hale. They recently recorded four episodes of ITV's Benidorm, spending 10 weeks in Spain with Shropshire actor John Challis, among others.

Dare to dream – Norman Pace stars in the feel-good musical

And yet for Norman, all roads lead to the Black Country. Though he grew up in Newark-on-Trent, in Nottinghamshire, his heart belongs to Dudley.

"My granny and grandad lived in Dudley. When my mother was pregnant with me at the age of 18, she went to Dudley to have the baby. I think there was some sort of scandal because of the Catholic Church – if it wasn't for the church, I wouldn't be here. They didn't do such things as abortion back then.

So mum tried to pull a fast one and had me in Dudley then I'd visit my granny and grandad on holidays. They lived on Blowers Green Crescent, I still remember it now.

"There were slag heaps that were turned into football pitches and I'd go there until about the age of ten. The family were West Brom fans and took me to the Hawthorns to cheer on the Baggies. They were happy times. I felt very loved when I visited the Black Country."

Fame came calling for Hale and Pace when they worked together on a series of comedy shows, as well as featuring in Dalziel and Pascoe, guest starring in the Doctor Who serial Survival and featuring in a Christmas Special of Extras.

"It was a joyride. The whole thing was thrilling and we didn't have a minute to stop and think about it. If Gareth and I weren't making the TV series, we'd be touring. In every spare moment we'd be writing and we were even stupid enough to go on holiday together as families.

"The only downside about that experience was losing your privacy. At the petrol station, a queue of people would look at you like you were in a goldfish bowl. I'm under the radar these days and there are times when I grow a beard and people don't recognise me. It used to be that you'd get people arguing about which one you were. But it's no big deal. I had my taste of that life and it was intense. I can understand why film stars have people to fill their car up for them. Can you imagine what would happen if Rod Stewart was on the forecourt at Morrisons?"

Norman has no plans to slow down. There's no exit strategy, no secret yearning for a quieter life, no intention of upping sticks and moving to somewhere quieter.

"The laughter is what keeps you coming back. Even now, after all these years, if you're good at it and have a lot of experience and have enjoyed a long career, you can still learn a lot of things about how to do it better. I always want to beat the laughter I got last night, I want to keep moving forward."

He loves the fact that he's been able to play both TV and theatre during a starry career. He's worked with tremendous actors down the decades and their skills have helped him to develop.

For now, all thoughts are of Hairspray. "It's great bringing the show to Birmingham because Dudley's only just down the road and that's always been special to me. I'm hoping that people from Dudley and Wolves will pop over and say hello."

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Kara Lily Hayworth as Cilla Black

Step inside for musical story of singing star Cilla

LEADING lady in Cilla The Musical, Kara Lily Hayworth, beat thousands of hopefuls to be named as the girl to step into the Liverpudlian legend's shoes in the first musical about the star's life, at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre next week.

Cilla The Musical, which began its tour in Liverpool last month, is an adaptation of the critically acclaimed ITV mini-series based on the early life of Cilla Black, by BAFTA award-winner, Jeff Pope.

Kara queued for four hours at London's Dominion Theatre to have her chance to audition in the first rounds. She made it to a final audition at the Cavern Club in Liverpool. Executive producer Robert Willis, who is Cilla's son, said: 'We wanted somebody who wasn't going to impersonate my mum but someone who could capture her spirit. Kara came in with her huge personality and amazing voice. When I saw the response of the audience at the Cavern, I knew we'd found her!"

From Watford, Kara trained at the Central School of Speech and Drama, and this will be her first leading role in a big musical. She even briefly met the 1960s pop star turned TV presenter, when the 11-year-old Kara got the Surprise Surprise host's autograph.

"She was a huge inspiration to me as a child," says Kara. "I grew up watching her on Blind Date every Saturday night with my Nan. To play her is such an honour."

The show is packed with 60s songs including Cilla's own hits, such as Anyone Who Had a Heart and Alfie.

Gangsters, no, kids' TV did it for Coolio

He's a Grammy-award winning rapper, best known for his mega hit Gangsta's Paradise.

But 54-year-old Coolio has come a long way since the mid 90s. He's now a chef and activist for the environment and raising awareness of asthma, a TV and film star.

The Compton-born star (that's LA not Wolverhampton) will come to Arena Birmingham with I Love The 90s on Saturday which Coolio says is the greatest tour of his career. Joining him will be fellow 90s stars Vanilla Ice, Salt N Peppa, Color Me Badd, Tone Loc and Young MC.

"This tour is really great. Everybody knows each other, and have done for so many years; it's like going on tour with your family," he said.

"It's an amazing show. This is one of the best tours of my career. There's just non-stop involvement and dancing.

"I've always had a good time in the UK. I can't think of a bad time I've had there. At the beginning of my career, there may have been a few mishaps. But people have always treated me well there and I've done shows pretty much everywhere in the UK."

Coolio has not only made his name as a rap artist, but also as a writer of theme songs, having rapped the theme tune to children's TV show Kenan and Kel, which also opened up the world of acting to the Californian. Since then, he's had parts in Adult Swim TV show Black Jesus and Daredevil, as well as taking part in UK reality show Celebrity Big Brother and game show Tipping Point.

"Kenan and Kel, believe it or not, has turned out to be the one of the most important things I've done in my career. Just as much as Gangsta's Paradise," added Coolio.

Greg puts Brum to task in festival

A host of comic talent is gathering for Birmingham Comedy Festival at various venues. Highlights include Taskmaster's Greg Davies, right, at Symphony Hall Monday and Tuesday. Brum's Joe Lycett joins Yardley MP Jess Phillips at the Town Hall on Wednesday. Henning Wehn proves Germans have a sense of humour at the Town Hall next Friday and Saturday. Other acts include Matt Lucas, Simon Amstell, Phill Jupitus and Zoe Lyons. See www.bhamcomfest.co.uk

Powerhouse trio Yak back for home city gig

FEROCIOUS London-based rock trio Yak, fronted by Wolverhampton's Oli Burslem, have a rare gig in his home city at Newhampton Arts Centre on Thursday, October 12. Gigs at Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms include rockers Arcane Roots tomorrow (Friday), blues singer Rebecca Downes on Saturday, acclaimed guitarist Andy McKee on Sunday, Nottingham's Amber Run play Tuesday and Broken Witt Rebels next Friday.

US country star Marty Stuart is at Birmingham Town Hall tomorrow, Wolverhampton's Beverley Knight brings soul to Symphony Hall on Sunday. Country-pop outfit Lady Antebellum play Birmingham Arena on Monday, the same night Nick Mulvey is at O2 Institute in Digbeth. Dweezil Zappa celebrates father Frank's legacy at Birmingham Town Hall on Thursday.

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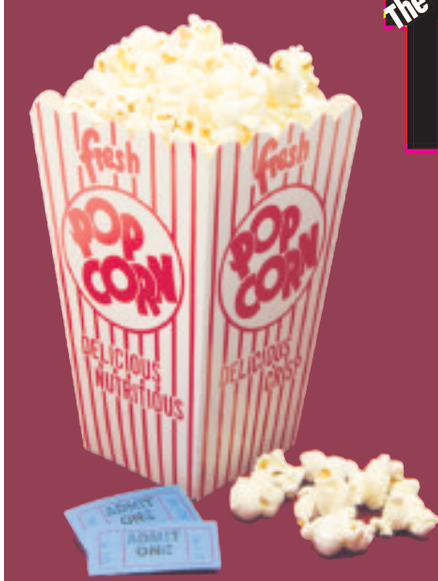

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SATURDAY'S TV OCTOBER 7

CHOICE

Ross Sutherland

Basquiat - Rage to Riches (BBC2, 9pm)

Documentary, exploring the rise in profile of the output of American artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, whose work is currently the subject of a large-scale exhibition at the Barbican in London - the first time a wholly Basquiat collection has been displayed in the UK. This film serves as a portrait of Jean-Michel's origins, making use of interviews with his sisters Lisane and Jeanine, along with accounts from his friends, confidants, lovers and contemporaries, to detail how a self-taught, Brooklyn-born artist came to rank alongside the likes of Picasso, de Kooning and Francis Bacon on the international art marketplace - 29 years after his death.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Gymnastics: World Championships. **2.45 Film:** Muppets Most Wanted. (2014) Comedy, starring Ricky Gervais. **4.25** Chris Coleman: Dare to Dream. **5.25** BBC News. **5.35** Regional Programme. **5.45** Pointless Celebrities.

6.35 Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present as the pro-celebrity dance competition continues. Last week, the couples were given their first taste of the pressures of avoiding elimination, and the tension does not let up as the second round of the competition proper gets under way with Movie Week. As in previous competitions, the 14 duos are challenged to come up with routines that pay homage to Hollywood's greatest films, and they begin with a group performance that serves as a tribute to recent smash-hit musical La La Land. As always, Shirley Ballas, Craig Revel Horwood, Bruno Tonioli and Darcey Bussell are on hand to deliver their verdict on the stars' performances, before handing over judging duties to viewers at home, who will get a chance to have their say over which performers to back ahead of the results show.

8.40 Casualty. Dylan is forced to bring Sanosi into the Emergency Department, much to David's dismay, and Lily grows ever more jealous of the bond forming between Iain and Sam. Meanwhile, Connie struggles to deal with the severity of her diagnosis, and tries to come to terms with what it means for her future.

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes and the Brown family await the fruits of their fraud after faking Grandad's death to get a payout, but the insurance company starts to grow suspicious. (R)

10.00 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.20 Film: Thor: The Dark World. (2013) The thunder god joins forces with his treacherous brother to defend the universe against an old foe. Superhero adventure sequel, with Chris Hemsworth.

12.05 The NFL Show. **12.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.40** BBC News.

BBC2

7.10 Film: Hans Christian Andersen. (1952) **9.00** Saturday Mash-Up! **11.00** Natural World. (R) **12.00** Rick Stein's Long Weekends. (R) **1.00** Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo. (R) **1.30** Flog It! (R) **2.30** Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands. (R) **3.30** India: Nature's Wonderland. (R) **4.30** Mastermind. (R) **5.00** The Big Family Cooking Showdown. (R)

6.00 Anglesey: Island Life. New series. The lives of some of the residents of Wales' largest island, including Mike Williams, who is trying to get his smoke-damaged shop back on its feet.

6.30 Gardeners' World. Monty Don gives advice on making leaf mould from fallen leaves and how to use it. Frances Tophill helps a gardener whose plants are not thriving where they are planted. (R)

7.30 Front Row. Harrison Ford and Ryan Gosling discuss Blade Runner 2049, Ian McKellen offers a masterclass in playing Shakespeare's King Lear, and Tim Minchin performs live in the studio.

8.00 Britain Afloat. Mary-Ann Ochota tells the story of river boats in Britain, reaching back through time to investigate the ancient coracle, which is thought to have been in use for 40,000 years.

8.30 Dad's Army. Warden Hodges challenges Captain Mainwaring's platoon to a cricket match. Featuring a guest appearance by former England and Yorkshire fast bowler Fred Trueman. (R)

9.00 Basquiat – Rage to Riches. Documentary, profiling the rise in profile of the work of American artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, via interviews with his sisters, friends, confidants, lovers and contemporaries.

10.30 Performance Live: Missing Episode. Ross Sutherland's audio-visual poem, which remixes an edition of EastEnders from October 7, 1997 to tell the story of what happened to the poet the night that episode first aired.

11.00 Later – with Jools Holland. The pianist welcomes the National back to the show, along with Morrissey, Queens of the Stone Age, Khalid, Jessie Ware and Marty Stuart.

12.05 Film: Bright Days Ahead. (2013) **1.35 Film:** A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square. (1979)

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go. **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **9.25** Saturday Morning with James Martin. **11.20** Midsomer Murders. (R) **1.10** ITV News; Weather. **1.15** Catchphrase. (R) **2.00** The Chase. (R) **2.55** The X Factor: Bootcamp. (R) **4.25** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **4.50** Little Big Shots. (R) **5.50** Regional Programme ; Weather.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 Cannonball. Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show, in which contestants tackle a series of water-based, obstacle course challenges in the hope of claiming the Cannonball Cup.

7.10 The Family Chase. Bradley Walsh hosts one final round of the family-themed edition of the game show. This time, the Price clan from Oldham makes a bid to outplay one of the resident professional quizzers. Last in the series.

8.15 The X Factor: Bootcamp.

9.45 The Jonathan Ross Show. Game of Thrones star Kit Harington joins Jonathan in the studio, and while he will no doubt be talked into chatting about the shocking developments for his character Jon Snow at the end of the show's penultimate series, discussion is likely to fall on the fact that he is starring as Robert Catesby – his own ancestor – opposite fellow guest Liv Tyler in the BBC's historical drama Gunpowder later this autumn. Also taking a seat on the sofa this evening are former Great British Bake Off presenter Sue Perkins, Grammy Award-winning singer Mary J Blige, and comedian Rob Beckett.

10.45 ITV News; Weather.

11.05 Film: American Pie: The Wedding. (2003) The friends reunite to celebrate Jim and Michelle's forthcoming trip to the altar – but events quickly spiral out of control. Comedy sequel, with Jason Biggs and Alyson Hannigan.

12.50 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Mobil 1 The Grid. **6.45** Triathlon: Stoke on Trent City of Sport. **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. **10.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** The Crystal Maze. (R) **1.00** Formula 1 Japanese Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. **2.30** World's Most Expensive Cars. **3.35** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.35** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **5.35** Location, Location, Location. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson. The Time Team veteran continues his journeys down some of the UK's oldest trackways and roads. This time, he visits the Peak District, where he ventures along the Derbyshire Portway, which is believed to date from the Bronze Age, and can be traced from Mam Tor in the north of the county, through to the Hemlock Stone on the edge of Nottingham. Along the way, he examines a prehistoric shark tooth, shines a light in an abandoned railway tunnel and takes a tour of DH Lawrence's mountain retreat.

8.00 WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails. Monty Halls travels along the ridges of the French Pyrenees mountains on the border with Spain, which were traversed by thousands of people seeking to escape Nazi occupation.

9.00 Film: Escape Plan. (2013) An expert takes a contract from the CIA to test a maximum security prison by trying to break out of it , but he soon discovers he has been duped and that his captors intend him to stay inside for ever. He hatches a plan to escape, but to succeed he will need the help of a long-term convict – who wants his own freedom in return for assistance. Thriller, with Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

11.15 Film: The Gunman. (2015) After spending years in hiding, a mercenary becomes the latest target of his former colleagues. Crime drama, starring Sean Penn and Idris Elba.

1.20 The Last Leg. (R) **2.20** Hollyoaks. **4.30** Building the Dream. (R) **5.25** Four in a Bed. (R) **5.55** Kevin Can Wait.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.20** Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R) **11.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.50** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **2.50** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **3.50** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **4.50** 5 News Weekend. **4.55** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **5.50** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.50 Film: Where Eagles Dare. (1968) An American general is held captive by the Nazis in a heavily defended fortress in the Alps. A crack team of British soldiers and an American lieutenant are dispatched to free him, but they soon realise there is a traitor in their ranks. Second World War adventure, starring Richard Burton, Clint Eastwood, Patrick Wymark, Michael Hordern and Mary Ure.

9.45 Live Boxing: York Hall Brawl. Andrew Selby v Maximino Flores. Coverage of the WBC world flyweight eliminator, which takes place at York Hall in Bethnal Green. Welshman Selby is undefeated thus far in his fledgling career, having won all nine of his previous bouts, with five of them being by stoppage.

11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush. Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Doncaster Rovers v Southend United and Barnet v Coventry City.

12.15 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with an entertaining mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. Featuring a variety of prizes and promotions. **3.10 Film:** Love at the Parade. (2012) The organiser of Chicago's Thanksgiving parade is furious when a consultant is brought in to take charge of the event's finances, thinking he is only interested in profit. But when she suffers an unexpected crisis, she finds support in her previously unwanted colleague, and begins to fall for him. Romantic drama, with Autumn Reeser and Antonio Cupo. **4.40** Divine Designs. Paul Binski investigates the period after the Second World War, which saw the birth of a modern style of ecclesiastical architecture. He visits Coventry and Chichester cathedrals to highlight the contemporary designs. (R) **5.05** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.30** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 The Incredible Human Journey **8.00** Wild China **9.00** Black Lake **10.25** James May: The Christmas Reassembler **10.55** James May: The Reassembler **11.25** British Sitcom: 60 Years of Laughing at Ourselves **12.25** Top of the Pops: 1984 **1.30** EMI: The Inside Story **2.30** Wild China **3.30** Close

ITV2

11.25 The X Factor: Bootcamp **1.00 Film:** The Lake House (2006) **2.00** FYI Daily **2.05 Film:** The Lake House (2006) **3.05 Film:** The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10 Film:** The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **4.55 Film:** Happy Feet (2006) **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00 Film:** Happy Feet (2006) **7.00 Film:** The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **8.05** FYI Daily **8.10 Film:** The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **10.15** Celebrity Juice **11.05** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.25** Bromans **2.25** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.50 Bertie and Elizabeth **1.55** Rosemary & Thyme **2.55** Foyle's War **7.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.05** On the Buses **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.30 British Touring Car Championship Highlights **1.00** Pawn Stars **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Ascot. Coverage of today's meetings from Ascot, Newmarket and Redcar. **4.00** World Cup Top Goalscorers **4.10** Pawn Stars **5.10** Hornblower **7.25** World Cup Qualifier Live. Belarus v Netherlands (Kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** River Monsters **11.00** World Cup Qualifier Highlights **12.30** The Sweeney **1.35** The Classic Car Show **2.25** The Car Chasers **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.00 The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** The Great British Bake Off **5.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1 (2011) **11.20** Naked Attraction **12.30** Gogglebox

Film4

11.00 Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) **1.00** The Boxtrolls (2014) **2.50** Parental Guidance (2012) **4.55** Crocodile Dundee (1986) **6.50** Crocodile Dundee II (1988) **9.00** Unbroken (2014) **11.40** Underworld: Awakening (2012) **1.20** White God (2014) **3.45** Close

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SUNDAY'S TV OCTOBER 8

CHOICE

Louis Theroux

Louis Theroux: Dark States - Heroin Town (BBC2, 9pm)

In Huntington, West Virginia, Louis Theroux embeds himself in an Appalachian community that is being devastated and stretched to its limits by widespread heroin use. He spends time with members of the user community that are caught in the grip of drug addiction, and follows the emergency services as they struggle to cope with multiple overdoses each day.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Points of View. **4.00** Lifeline. **4.10** Songs of Praise. **4.45** Who Do You Think You Are? (R) **5.45** BBC News.

6.05 Regional Programme.

6.15 Countryfile. Anita Rani and Matt Baker visit Dumfries House in East Ayrshire. They discover how the estate employs many local people and provides young people with a chance to develop traditional craft skills and work with the rare breed cattle on the house's farms. Plus, Charlotte Smith investigates how electric cars will be powered and Adam Henson checks up on his pregnant sheep and cows.

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Claudia Winkleman and Tess Daly reveal the next couple to leave the contest.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the show from Nymans Gardens near Crawley. Items brought in to be valued include an axe used in one of George Mallory's ascents of Everest, a sofa that put in an appearance in a classic movie, a diver's watch and a bag of trinkets found on top of a wardrobe that turns out to contain something unexpected.

9.00 The Last Post. Mary goes into labour while her husband has left the city to rendezvous with the SAS, who are returning to Aden after a secret mission to capture a dangerous fugitive.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Sir Bobby Charlton at 80. Documentary celebrating the life and career of the former Manchester United footballer, who won the World Cup with England on home soil in 1966, as he approaches his 80th birthday.

11.35 The Women's Football Show. A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level.

12.10 The Graham Norton Show. (R) **1.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.25 Great British Garden Revival. (R) **7.25** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.25** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.55** Countryfile. (R) **9.50** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.20** Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking. (R) **11.50** My Life on a Plate. (R) **12.35** Alfred Hitchcock: Talking Pictures. (R) **1.15 Film:** Dial M for Murder. (1954) Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring Ray Milland. **3.00** Gymnastics: World Championships. **5.00** Rugby League Grand Final Highlights.

6.00 Top Gear. Rory Reid and Sabine Schmitz go in search of the latest supercars at Germany's Nurburgring circuit, while Matt LeBlanc test drives the Aston Martin DB11, but finds Chris Harris and his Mercedes causing no end of trouble. Tamsin Greig takes to the Top Gear Test Track as this week's Star in a Reasonably Fast Car. (R)

7.00 Russia with Simon Reeve. The adventurer embarks on a journey across the world's biggest country, taking him from the snow-capped volcanoes of the far east, through some of the remotest parts of the planet, to the great cities of the west, Moscow and St Petersburg. (R)

8.00 Dragons' Den. The panel assesses the profit-making potential of business plans for a range of eco mannequins, cork-based yoga mats, and a cycling navigation device. Presented by Evan Davis.

9.00 Louis Theroux: Dark States – Heroin Town. In Huntington, West Virginia, Louis Theroux embeds himself in an Appalachian community that is being devastated and stretched to its limits by widespread heroin use.

10.00 Snowfall. New series. An educated young man seeks a way to get on in life. Hard-hitting drama about the beginnings of the crack epidemic in 1980s Los Angeles. Damson Idris stars.

10.55 Mock the Week. Angela Barnes, Ed Byrne, Ed Gamble, Milton Jones and Nish Kumar join host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy show. (R)

11.30 Film: Oranges and Sunshine. (2010) A social worker discovers thousands of British children have been sent to care homes in Australia and suffered abuse. Fact-based drama, starring Emily Watson.

1.10 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.10** Holby City. (R) **3.10** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Mission Employable. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **10.55** Amazing Animal Births. (R) **11.25** Robson Green's Coastal Lives. (R) **11.55** Bigheads. (R) **12.55** ITV News; Weather. **1.00** The Chase. (R) **2.00** The X Factor: Bootcamp. (R) **3.30** Victoria. (R) **4.30** World Cup Qualifier Live. Lithuania v England (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.15 Regional Programme; Weather.

7.20 ITV News; Weather.

7.30 The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge. Dermot O'Leary hosts the first of three six chair challenge episodes, in which each judge must choose six acts to go forward to the next stage of the contest in the Judges' Houses. The judges must make the decision as soon as each act has performed – but are free to change their mind should someone better come along later in the show.

9.00 Victoria. After a series of assassination attempts, the queen is forced to seek sanctuary far from the palace. She and Albert travel to the Scottish Highlands, an area that has always fascinated her, but proves to be far from the romantic retreat she had fantasised about. However, travelling incognito gives both the royal couple and their servants a freedom they do not often experience. Denis Lawson guest stars.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston and Allegra Stratton, featuring reports on the latest issues and interviews with topical guests. (R)

11.15 World Cup Qualifier Highlights. Jacqui Oatley presents action from the latest fixtures, including Lithuania v England and Slovenia v Scotland in Group F, and Norway v Northern Ireland in Group C.

12.15 Liar. (R) **1.10** Jackpot247.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 Kevin Can Wait. **6.45** Kevin Can Wait. **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.35** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00** Formula 1 Japanese Grand Prix Highlights. **5.15** The Great British Bake Off. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Escape to the Chateau. Dick and Angel look ahead to wedding season, with eight couples booking the chateau for their big day. Dick also converts a stone barn into a flat for Angel's parents, getting rid of 150 years' worth of rubbish in the process, but tensions rise between the couple when he gets carried away with the trees at the front of the property. Last in the series.

8.00 Escape. A group of five engineers is challenged to escape from a simulated landslide that has caused several vehicles to fall into a deep canyon. Presented by Ant Middleton.

9.00 Electric Dreams: Crazy Diamond. A married man's life is turned upside down by an encounter with a mysterious woman that leaves him smitten. He discovers is actually a dangerous synthetic being and has an illegal plan that will transform his life if he helps. All his wife's worst fears are confirmed as she leads him into a series of disasters that threatens to destroy everything they hold dear. Steve Buscemi, Julia David, Sidse Babett Knudsen and Joanna Scanlan star in the fourth of the series of sci-fi tales, based on Philip K. Dick's short story Sales Pitch.

10.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words-and-numbers quiz, with captain Jon Richardson and Jason Manford take on guest captain Alan Carr and Katherine Ryan. (R)

11.05 Film: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. (2013) An ordinary man who drifts through life by disappearing into daydreams is forced to embark on an adventure in real life. Comedy drama, with Ben Stiller and Kristen Wiig.

1.10 WWII's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Poppy Cat. **6.10** Little Princess. (R) **6.25** Mr Men. (R) **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.40** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Wissper. (R) **7.00** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.10** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.20** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.35** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.45** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.15** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.30** Floogals. (R) **8.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.55** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.15** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.25** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.00** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **10.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.30 Film:** Innerspace. (1987) Sci-fi comedy, starring Dennis Quaid. **2.50 Film:** Mannequin. (1987) **3.50** 5 News Update. **3.55 Film:** Mannequin. (1987) **4.35 Film:** Annie. (1982) **5.35** 5 News Update. **5.40 Film:** Annie. (1982) John Huston's musical, with Aileen Quinn and Albert Finney.

7.05 Deep-Sea Super Predator. Documentary following the search for a mysterious creature that is large enough to hunt down and devour a three-metre great white shark. (R)

8.00 Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman introduce action from the sixth round of matches, including Harlequins v Sale Sharks, Exeter Chiefs v Newcastle Falcons, and Saracens v Wasps.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Film: Wild Card. (2015) Premiere. A Las Vegas bodyguard with a gambling problem finds himself on the wrong side of a mob boss. Action thriller, starring Jason Statham and Michael Angarano.

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11.05 Film: Safe. (2012) A former cage fighter protects a 12-year-old girl holding valuable information that several criminal factions want. Action thriller, starring Jason Statham and Catherine Chan.

12.50 Car Crash TV. **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.10 Film:** A Lonely Place to Die. (2011) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.40** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **5.50** Access. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** Addicted to Sheep **9.00** Horizon **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** The Search for a New Earth **12.00** Dancing Cheek to Cheek: An Intimate History of Dance **1.00** Addicted to Sheep **2.00** Horizon **3.00** Close

ITV2

11.10 2Awesome: Ready, Set, Style **11.20** 2Awesome: Third Wheel **11.50** The X Factor: Bootcamp **1.20** Take Me Out **2.35** You've Been Framed: Gold Top 100 Animals **3.35 Film:** Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **4.35** FYI Daily **4.40 Film:** Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **5.15 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **6.15** FYI Daily **6.20 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **7.20 Film:** The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (2014) **8.20** FYI Daily **8.25 Film:** The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (2014) **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.25** Through the Keyhole **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

1.00 Film: Blue Murder at St Trinian's (1957) **2.05** FYI Daily **2.10 Film:** Blue Murder at St Trinian's (1957) **2.55 Film:** Columbo: By Dawn's Early Light (1974) **5.00** Lewis **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **10.00** Honest **11.05 Film:** Changeling (2008) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10 Film:** Changeling (2008) **1.50** The Knock **2.45** Mr Selfridge **3.35** Lewis

ITV4

1.40 Film: Jeremiah Johnson (1972) **2.45** FYI Daily **2.50 Film:** Jeremiah Johnson (1972) **3.55 Film:** The Way West (1967) **4.55** FYI Daily **5.00 Film:** The Way West (1967) **6.20** River Monsters **8.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special **9.00 Film:** The Devil's Advocate (1997) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** The Devil's Advocate (1997) **11.55** Car Crash Global **12.55** The Sweeney

E4

11.00 Don't Tell the Bride **12.00** My Hotter Half **1.00** The Big Bang Theory: Biggest Bangs **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Ice Age 3: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) **9.55 Film:** Speed 2: Cruise Control (1997)

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11.00 The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966) **1.00** Hercules (1983) **3.05** Stuart Little 2 (2002) **4.40** Dr Dolittle 2 (2001) **6.20** Robin Hood (2010) **9.00** Gladiator (2000) **12.00** Knight and Day (2010) **2.10** The Selfish Giant (2013) **4.00** Close

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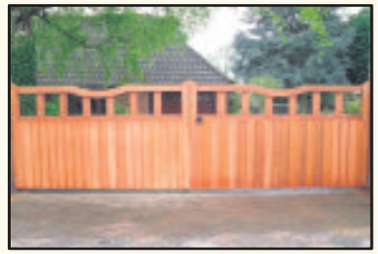

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Returning drama series takes a shocking new turn

Life is never dull for Georgie Lane – and you get the impression she wants to keep it that way.

The last time we saw her, the experienced Army medic was coming to terms with being kidnapped in Kenya, but clearly the trauma involved with that situation hasn't put her off serving on the front line, because she's back in action when the new, third series begins.

This time, it's a longer run of 12 episodes featuring three stories.

"With an expanded 12-part series commission, this time Our Girl will follow our characters on three distinct missions in far-flung, dangerous parts of the globe - and we cannot wait to bring their new adventures back to BBC One," claims executive producer Caroline Skinner.

"I'm so happy that we'll be back for another series as I think there's definitely more stories to tell with Georgie," stated Michelle Keegan, who plays her, after the transmission of the second run. "The reaction to the show has been overwhelming and I'm really thankful to everyone who's watched and supported it. It was an amazing experience filming with such an incredible group of people and I can't wait to do it all over again."

It's certainly taken her a long way from Coronation Street, where she initially made her name.

She isn't, of course, the only soap star to have featured in the acclaimed drama.

When it first began, Lacey Turner took the lead role of Molly Dawes while on hiatus from EastEnders, a teenager who decided that the military offered her a new lease of life away from the dreariness and lack of hope she felt at home. She had to turn down further adventures when she returned to Albert Square to play Stacey.

Our Girl's creator, Tony Grounds, also had a stint as an EastEnders writer, so knows how serial drama works, which is perhaps why this project appeals so much to a wide audience; he has the inside track in making characters compelling, inspiring viewers to keep coming back for more.

This time around, the action begins in Nepal, as Grounds reveals: "On a disaster relief mission to Nepal after an earthquake hits the country, 2 Section is thrown into a perilous and life-changing situation. Michelle Keegan, brilliantly reprising her role as Corporal Georgie Lane, shows remarkable courage in the face of adversity and inspires the troops to perform their duty with bravery and compassion."

As well as carrying out her regular duties as a medic, Georgie is also entrusted with mentoring reckless new recruit Maisie, whose behaviour could put others in danger.

However, Georgie is soon distracted by handsome Nepalese engineer Milan, who is also helping the relief effort. They quickly form a close bond while working together to rebuild the area, but their lives are soon at risk when an aftershock rocks the village they were visiting.

Our Girl – Nepal Tour, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Blade: Trinity, Channel 5, 11.05pm
The fearless warrior's blood-sucking foes frame him for murder, forcing him to go on the run from the FBI while his enemies resurrect the first and most powerful of their kind – Dracula himself. Joining forces with a team of human vampire slayers, Blade embarks on a quest to wipe out the undead menace once and for all. Fantasy action thriller sequel, with Wesley Snipes and Jessica Biel. (2004)

TUESDAY
Fatal Honeymoon, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman goes on honeymoon to Australia, only to drown during a scuba-diving trip to the Great Barrier Reef. Her father is not convinced this was an accident, and begins to suspect her husband may have murdered her. A year later, he finally finds the evidence to prove his accusation. Fact-based crime drama, starring Harvey Keitel and Billy Miller. (2012)

Wild Card, Thursday, Channel 5, 11.05pm

WEDNESDAY
A Mother's Fear, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A single mother resolves to discover the cause of her son's mysterious illness. Her investigation leads her to a corporation involved in genetically modified food and two scientists who are on the verge of a groundbreaking new discovery. Drama, starring Zoe Lister-Jones, Danny Glover and Victor Garber. (2015)

THURSDAY
Wild Card, Channel 5, 11.05pm
Las Vegas bodyguard Nick Wild finds himself dealing with more than just his gambling problem after he takes revenge on the criminal who attacked his friend, little realising that the thug in question is the son of a mob boss. Action thriller, starring Jason Statham, Michael Angarano and Milo Ventimiglia. (2015)

FRIDAY
As Above, So Below, Channel 4, 12.10am
An expedition ventures into a network of underground tunnels beneath Paris. As they explore the catacombs, the archaeologists experience a series of strange events and come under attack from a mysterious unknown force that seems to know their darkest secrets. Horror, starring Perdita Weeks. (2014)

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Steph and Dom's One Star to Five Star
Channel 4, 5.30pm
New series. Former Gogglebox stars and B&B owners Steph and Dom Parker help people whose hotels and guest-houses are struggling, as well as those just starting out in business, aiming to take each establishment from the lowest rating to a luxury one in just five days. On arrival at the Ransdale Hotel in Bridlington, East Yorkshire, the couple challenge the owners to expand their breakfast menu, create a seaside-themed bedroom and throw a beach party for the general public. But how will today's guests rate their efforts?

TUESDAY
The Great British Bake Off
Channel 4, 8pm
The amateur cooks take part in Italian week, which culminates in a fiddly showstopper in the hottest temperatures ever recorded in the tent. Before that, under the ever watchful gaze of judges Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith, the contestants dish up a Sicilian signature that gets them all hot under the collar and a deceptively tricky technical. Noel Fielding and Sandi Toksvig are on hand to keep the bakers in line as the pressure of reaching the final stages of the competition intensifies.

Russia 1917: Countdown to Revolution
BBC2, 9pm
A look at Russia's transition from tsarist autocracy to communist state, focusing on the involvement of three men – Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin, all of whom emerged from obscurity to forge an entirely new political system in the space of a few months. This drama-documentary examines the 245 days that brought these men to supreme power. As the history unfolds writers and historians, including Martin Amis, Orlando Figes, Helen Rappaport, Simon Sebag Montefiore and China Mieville, battle over the meaning of the Russian Revolution and explore how it shaped the world of today. Narrated by Juliet Stevenson.

WEDNESDAY
Eat Well for Less?
BBC1, 8pm
After a break, Gregg Wallace and Chris Bavin return to show more families that they can eat better and cut their bills at the same time– and they're starting with the biggest clan to date. Single mum Angela has five daughters, aged between eight and 18, and as if feeding them all wasn't tough enough, one of her girls has Coeliac disease and another has Coeliac and Type 1 diabetes. Angela's lack of confidence in the kitchen has left her reliant on convenience foods, but with her girls all wanting different things, it's not proving to be very convenient. Gregg and Chris's first step is to get her to stop shopping daily for that night's dinner and instead start planning gluten-free meals the whole family can enjoy together.

The Last Leg, Friday, Channel 4, 10pm

THURSDAY
An Hour to Catch a Killer with Trevor McDonald
ITV, 9pm
It's known as 'the golden hour' – the first 60 minutes of a murder investigation, where every decision is crucial and can make the difference between whether a killer is caught and convicted or walks free. To provide an insight into why that time window matters so much, Trevor McDonald presents this documentary, which follows the Northumbria homicide detectives as they investigate the death of a young woman. From the moment the body is discovered, the entire murder squad record the investigation on their HD body cameras, taking viewers inside the crime scene where an ordinary camera crew couldn't go for fear of contaminating evidence.

FRIDAY
A Celebrity Taste of Italy
Channel 5, 9pm
Judith Chalmers, Ian Lavender, Rula Lenska, Johnny Ball and Diana Moran sample some Italian-style rest and relaxation. Rula and Diana head off to the local sulphur springs to search for the secret of eternal youth in its volcanic mud. As they slather up, Johnny and Judith find a whole new use for olive oil – being massaged in it.

The Last Leg
Channel 4, 10pm
Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by guests Armando Iannucci and Sue Perkins for a comic review of the significant moments of the past seven days. The group members offer their own unique insight into some of the most difficult and delicate issues in modern Britain, and answer that most important of questions: is it OK?

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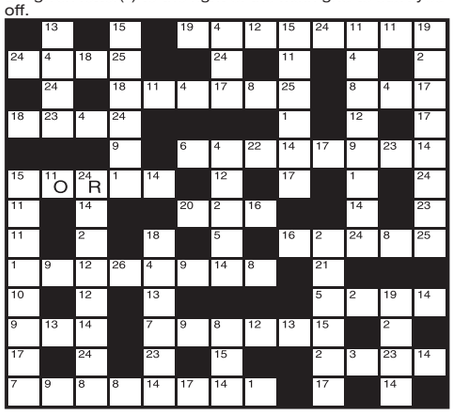

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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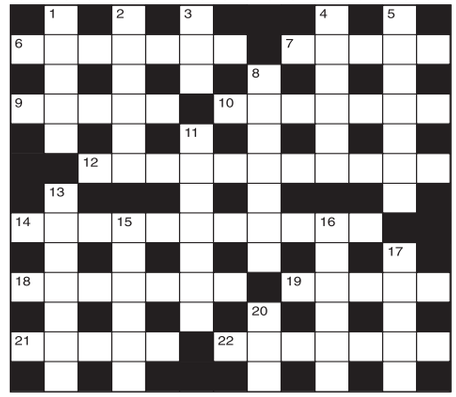
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Unusually precise instructions to the cook (7)
7. Stage scenery for domestic units (5)
9. See 21 Across
10. Festival possessed Arthurian figure (7)
12. Sieges that may provide considerable interest (11)
14. Nippers living on their own? (6,5)
18. I could be in one rut, keeping to this (7)
19. Tree situated in fenced areas (5)
21 & 9Ac. Kind of agent protected by insurance! (5,5)
22. It will show the temperature of a planet (7)

Down

1. Brush seen in Entebbe sometimes (5)
2. Kind of iron age bird! (6)
3. See 20 Down
4. Many quit, yet still stick together (6)
5. Artist's different version - of Dover? (7)
8. This provides electricity for the artillery unit (7)
11. Disturbing the game but coming out the winner (7)
13. Sapper obliged to show resilience (7)
15. Molecular structure to be of importance (6)
16. Opening the back of the gun, by the sound of it (6)
17. Youngster one found in grain store (5)
20 & 3Dn. Part of the map of the Middle East could be erased (3,3)

Quick Clues:

Across

6. Scales (7)
7. Jovial (5)
9. Fortunate (5)
10. Pledge (7)
12. Wage earner (5-6)
14. Reach a climax (4,2,1,4)
18. Barbarous (7)
19. Composition (5)
21. Trivial (5)
22. Artful (7)

Down

1. Ill-defined (5)
2. Pedestrian (6)
3. Work (3)
4. Universal (6)
5. Bunch (7)
8. Excrescences (7)
11. Tea urn (7)
13. Contrary (7)
15. Justice (6)
16. Away (6)
17. Boast (5)
20. Merriment (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Healed; 8 Breach; 10 Hydrant; 11 Check; 12 Arch; 13 Tense; 17 Brick; 18 Dene; 22 Arise; 23 Esparto; 24 Pilots; 25 Coarse. Down: 1 The head; 2 Haddock; 3 Nepal; 4 Process; 5 Layer; 6 Shake; 9 Stretcher; 14 Priests; 15 Bearers; 16 Recover; 19 Wasps; 20 Villa; 21 Spool.
QUICK - Across: 7 Apathy; 8 Madden; 10 Sharpen; 11 Nerve; 12 Vile; 13 Greed; 17 Cross; 18 Mere; 22 Tacit; 23 Outcast; 24 Fettle; 25 Censor. Down: 1 Massive; 2 Manacle; 3 Shape; 4 Saunter; 5 Adore; 6 Under; 9 Intrusion; 14 Brittle; 15 Because; 16 Vesture; 19 Staff; 20 Acute; 21 Steep.

Quiz

1. Which great British actor's middle name was Kerr?
2. What is the collective name for the first five books of the Old Testament?
3. Which Greek actress died of lung cancer in March 1994?
4. What is the name of Seurat's technique of painting with dots?
5. Which pop group had a hit with Morningtown Ride?
6. Which African leader was called 'The Lion of Judah'?
7. Which composer was nicknamed 'the Waltz King'?
8. With which US political party has Tammany Hall been associated?
9. Which military vehicle was invented by Ernest Swinton?
10. Which sleepy character was invented by Washington Irving in 1819?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Female; 2 Philippines; 3 Eddie Grundy; 4 Home Guard; 5 OJ Simpson; 6 Electrocardiogram; 7 Lhasa; 8 Zinc; 9 Uruguay; 10 Electrical resistance.

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Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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47453 gives a second tree,
956128 gives a fertile spot.

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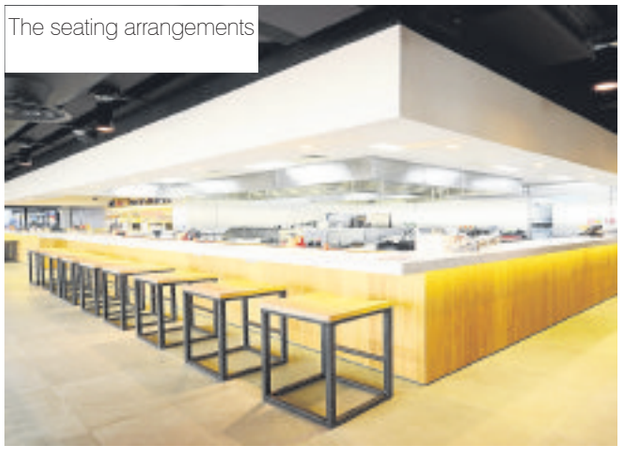
Wagamama's – food that woks

It was a busy day off work. While the rest of the city was facing the nine-to-five, we were racing around attending various appointments. Places to go, people to see, so we really needed a quick ladies-that-lunch kind of meal.

There were loads of options, with Italian, burgers and pub grub all on the menu. But we decided to go for something wholesome and a brand that was a firm favourite for both of us. Wagamama's has been going for 25 years and boasts more than 120 restaurants in the UK alone. We dropped in at the new outlet in New Street, Birmingham.

The concept is truly Japanese. The menu is varied with many little nibbly bits, ramen (broth) noodle dishes, teppanyaki (sizzling noodles), donburi (steamed rice) curries with drinks including fresh juices, Asian beers and traditional Japanese rice wine sake. While it has added to its menu over the years it has kept some of its original dishes.

Wagamama's, New Street


The seating arrangements

QUIET

From the outside it seemed fairly quiet but everyone was seated at the back. There were tables outside and for a Tuesday lunchtime, it was just the right amount of busy. I already knew what I'd be having before I stepped inside but happily perused the menu just in case something different jumped out at me.

My friend opted for lots of smaller plates and a diet Coke whereas I went for edamame beans and a chicken katsu curry with a glass of Prosecco.

We both ordered the edamame beans which are popped into the mouth to enjoy the salty soya flavour. It always seems like a healthy option and gives a virtuous feeling especially as I was enjoying my glass of fizz.

My curry was up next. A gorgeous mould of perfectly cooked rice, boiled and not at all sticky or stodgy with the Panko breaded sliced chicken smothered in the gorgeous katsu curry sauce. There was a lovely side salad with a fiery ginger garnish on the side which added some refreshment from the heat of the curry.

The sauce was thick and smooth and there was lots of it. My friend couldn't decide what to have so went for the chilli squid, ebi katus and a raw salad. She picked at her dishes as they each arrived, devouring bits from each with a contented look creeping into her smile. The crispy fried squid was dusted with the spice shichimi. It also comes with a chilli and coriander dipping sauce. She loved the squid, said it was perfectly cooked.

The ebu katsu was crispy fried prawns in panko breadcrumbs, served with a spicy chilli and garlic sauce. The perfect soft fishy pieces were a delicious contrast to the crunchy coating of breadcrumbs and the chilli dip added some fire to the light prawn flavour.

The raw salad was a lovely healthy option with mixed leaves, edamame beans, baby plum tomatoes, seaweed and pickled mooli, carrot and red onion and all of it topped with fried shallots and the wagamama house dressing. She ate the lot saying it was fresh and zingy and very well dressed.

There were desserts on offer but none really took our fancy. In any case we had dresses to try on so didn't want any extra unnecessary bulges!

A bill of £44.05 was reasonable for the amount of food we had ordered. It was a great experience and the staff were friendly and smiley throughout making the meal all the more enjoyable.

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PROPERTY

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Ideal family home in a sought-after village location

In a sought-after village location, 11 Julian Close, Great Wyrley, is a well proportioned house that would make an ideal family home.

With early viewings being highly recommended, it is for sale through Paul Carr at £199,995.

Benefitting from central heating and double glazing the accommodation includes a light and spacious lounge having a feature fireplace with a 'living flame' gas fire inset and separate dining room with French doors opening into the garden. Completing the ground floor there is the well-appointed kitchen with wall and base units and a gas cooker point, and there is also a guest WC and a useful utility room with plumbing for a washing machine and a dishwasher.

To the first floor there are three good sized bedrooms, two of which are generous doubles, and the shower room with a white suite comprising a WC, a wash basin and a shower cubicle with an electric shower over. Externally the rear garden is laid mainly to lawn with a timber decked seating area and there is driveway parking to the front of the property.

A spokesman for the selling agents said: "This is a well proportioned detached residence set in a popular cul-de-sac location."

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- Detached house
- 3 good sized bedrooms
- Garden with decking
- Driveway parking

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Extended detached has been greatly

This exceptional extended detached bungalow, which has been greatly improved to a tasteful standard throughout by its current vendors, is on the market for offers around £280,000.

10 Stoneyfields Close, Cannock, is situated in a sought-after cul-de-sac location and is on the market with DB Roberts. Situated on a corner plot, in close proximity to Cannock town centre, this deceptively spacious bungalow deserves to be seen to fully appreciate the low maintenance living accommodation it has to offer.

CANNOCK

£280,000

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Semi-detached home is ideal first-time buy or investment purchase

This three-bedroomed semi-detached house in Melbourne Road, Heath Hayes, is for sale through Marwood Homes at £117,500.

It lies close to local amenities and schools and has good transport links to towns and motorways.

An ideal first-time buy or investment purchase, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge, an archway to a dining/sitting area, a kitchen with a range of base and wall units and integrated appliances.

There are three bedrooms, a family bathroom, separate WC, central heating and double glazing and parking to the rear.

HEATH HAYES

£117,500

In more detail the lounge has a brick-built feature fireplace housing an electric coal-effect fire and an archway to a dining area.

The kitchen has an integrated gas hob and electric cooker, extractor cooker hood and fan, wooden flooring and a door giving access to the rear garden.

For further information, contact Marwood Homes on 01543 500700 or visit www.marwoodhomes.com

Split-level property with large garden up for rent

This three-bedroomed split-level detached family home in Beechmere Rise, Rugeley, is available to rent through Southwells at £750 per calender month.

Being well presented, it has a large rear three-tier garden, driveway parking for three cars and a garage.

The accommodation includes a downstairs shower room, a kitchen/diner, a large living room and a dining area, a family bathroom and three good-sized bedrooms upstairs.

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In more detail, the lounge has a double-glazed side window and patio doors opening onto decking. It also has dark wooden flooring leading to a raised dining area. The kitchen has a range of wooden units with patterned mottled surface and a door into the utility room. The rear garden features a large decking and patio area, making up the top of three tiers of a well-established garden with mature shrubs that's not overlooked.

This property is located in a desirable area close to schools and all local amenities with the advantage of Cannock Chase not far away.

For more details contact Southwells on 01889 582137.

Three-bedroomed detached home is well presented

This much-improved and well-presented three bedroomed detached house in Salisbury Drive, Cannock, is on the market with Flint & Co for offers in the region of £199,950.

Ideal for a family, the property is close to Gorsemoor Primary School, Five Ways Primary School and Chadsmoor CofE primary school and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

All of the schools have received Good ratings from Ofsted.

CANNOCK
£199,950

For commuters, Cannock, Hednesford and Landywood railway stations are all nearby.

The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing.

In brief, the property comprises lounge, refitted kitchen/diner, conservatory, three bedrooms and refitted family bathroom.

Outside there is a garden to the rear of the property and a garage and driveway.

Viewing is highly recommended.

For more information or to book that all-important viewing to see if this is the property for you call the agents Flint & Co on 01543 624400 or visit www.flintandco.com

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- Ideal investment
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MANOR AVENUE
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- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room, cloakroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Awaiting EPC rating

£242,000

CANNOCK
BERWICK DRIVE

- A three bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating
- Lounge/diner
- Conservatory, kitchen
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Good sized rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

£134,950

HEDNESFORD
BOND WAY

- An immaculate one bedroom apartment
- Electric heating
- Double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen
- Bedroom with built in wardrobes
- Refitted shower room
- Communal gardens, off road parking
- Viewing essential
- EPC rating C

£74,950

NORTON CANES
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- A three bedroom detached
- Large plot of land
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Land to rear, stables
- Awaiting EPC rating

£199,950

HEATH HAYES
SALISBURY DRIVE

- A much improved 3 bedroom house
- Gas centra heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted modern bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage
- EPC rating C

£199,950

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- Sitting room and conservatory
- Family bathroom
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- NO CHAIN
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£240,000

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- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen/diner
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to front
- Corner plot
- Enclosed rear garden
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£124,950

RUGELEY
HAGLEY PARK GARDENS

- A two bedroom semi detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Family bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Enclosed rear garden
- Driveway
- EPC rating C

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HEATH HAYES
PARTRIDGE CLOSE

- A modern two bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Garden to rear
- Off road parking
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating C

£129,995

HEDNESFORD
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PROPERTY

This extended home is packed with the 'wow factor'

An extended home packed with the 'wow factor' in Wood Lane, Wedges Mills, this is an outstanding property for sale through Webbs at offers over £335,000.

A well-presented dormer bungalow, it lies in a sought-after area of Wedges Mills.

Its accommodation briefly comprises a through hallway, a lounge, stunning kitchen, dining room, conservatory, utility room, guest WC, family bathroom, five

WEDGES MILLS
£335,000

bedrooms and a family shower-room.

In more detail the kitchen has inset spot lighting, window to rear elevation, refitted with a range of wall, base, drawer, solid granite work surface over, integrated hob, extractor, double oven and dishwasher, under cabinet lighting, door to utility room and open aspect to dining room.

The three bedrooms and shower room upstairs have an easy potential to become a large master suite.

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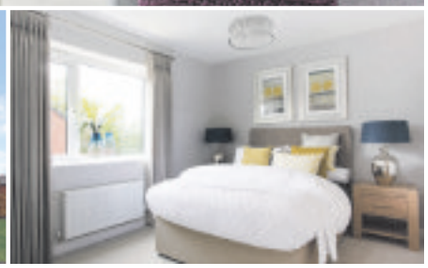

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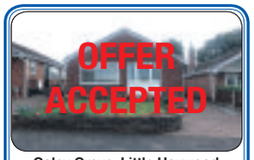

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PROPERTY

Beautiful detached farmhouse in a charming rural location has potential for redevelopment

A beautiful detached home in Pipe Lane, Blithbury, near Rugeley, this is a unique farmhouse in a charming rural location.

Also a property with development potential, it is for sale through butters john bee at £955,000.

It offers the potential to convert two outbuildings to form two dwellings

BLITHBURY
£955,000

– one four-bedroom dwelling and one three-bedroom dwelling under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, said a spokesman for the selling agents.

The detached farmhouse has three bedrooms on a 1.6-acre plot, outbuildings for conversion, a double garage, two reception rooms, a ground floor cloakroom/WC, a utility room and a family bathroom.

Contact butters john bee on 01543 500030 or visit www.buttersjohnbee.com

Unique house on a large plot is in a stunning secluded location at the heart of beauty spot

The sale of this property in Stafford Brook Road, Birches Valley, is providing a rare opportunity to acquire an excellent two-bedroom home set in a stunning secluded location within the heart of Cannock Chase.

It is for sale through Lovett & Co at offers in excess of £500,000 including stables and a paddock.

The idyllic location enjoys direct access to the many footpaths, bridle

BIRCHES VALLEY
£500,000

ways and heavily wooded areas and would be of particular interest to buyers with equestrian, walking and cycling interests.

The property is on a large plot stretching over approximately two acres.

Features include an extensive and stunning private rear garden, a large horse and pony paddock/field, purpose-built stables, woodland areas and a delightful orchard with a variety of fruit trees.

It has a spacious lounge and an open plan dining kitchen, useful study/sitting room which could potentially be used as a third bedroom, two large double bedrooms, a fully boarded loft with Velux windows, driveway, an outbuilding and a garage. Contact 01543 889410 for further details.

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- Immaculate, spacious interiors
- Recently added Orangery
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- Substantial corner plot
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- Two Receptions, Ground Floor W.C.
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- Cul-de-sac Position

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Burntwood Office - £275,000

BURNTWOOD, OGLEY HAY ROAD

- Well Presented Traditional Detached
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
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3 1 F

Great Wyrley - £229,950

CHESLYN HAY, LITTLEWOOD ROAD

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- No Upward Chain
- Contemporary Interiors

3 1 B

Burntwood Office -£224,950

LICHFIELD, FRANCIS ROAD

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- Garage
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Burntwood Office - £210,000

BURNTWOOD, UNION STREET

- Double Fronted Semi-Detached
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Great Wyrley Office - £189,950

CHESLYN HAY, LEVESON AVENUE

- Traditional semi-detached house
- Popular residential location
- Well presented interiors
- Driveway & garage

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Great Wyrley Office - £164,950

CANNOCK, LAKESIDE BOULEVARD

- Mid Terraced House
- Recently Redecorated
- Spacious Lounge
- Garage & Off Rd Parking

3 1 B

Great Wyrley Office - £104,950

GREAT WYRLEY, TRITON CLOSE

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- BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN

210,000

Wallace Close, Norton Canes

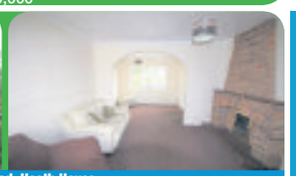
- THREE BED DETACHED
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- DUAL ASPECT LOUNGE / DINER
- CONSERVATORY
- GARAGE
- FITTED KITCHEN
- REFITTED BATHROOM
- CLOSE TO AMENITIES

£170,000

Lowland Road, Huntington

- FOUR BEDROOM SEMI
- LOUNGE/DINER
- CONSERVATORY
- DOWNSTAIRS WC
- FRONT & REAR GARDENS
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- FITTED KITCHEN
- FRONT AND REAR GARDENS

£129,950



Melbourne Road, Heath Hayes

- Semi-Detached Home
- Three Bedroom
- No Chain
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- Sapcious Lounge
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Boney Hay Road, Burntwood

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- Two bathrooms
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- Detached bungalow
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- Two bedrooms
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- Driveway
- Available soon

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- Kitchen / Diner
- Four bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Garage & Driveway
- Available soon

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Whinchat Drive, Heath Hayes

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- Lounge & Conservatory
- Four bedrooms
- Driveway and garage
- Available now

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● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom link detached family home. Being extended and located in a sought after area. Having Entrance Porch, Lounge, Dining Room to Conservatory, Shower Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and

Church Street, Rugeley £310,000

● JR Properties are pleased to market this refurbished and well presented four bedroom family home, situated in the town centre. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen and Dining Room. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Three further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Driveway

Langley Way, Hawksyard £249,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this four bedroom detached family home, situated on the Hawksyard Development with open aspect to front. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Study, Lounge, Family Breakfast Kitchen and Utility. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Three further Bedrooms and Bathroom.

Main Road, Brereton £249,950

● JR Properties are pleased to offer to market this three bedroom traditional property,having been refurbished to a high standard and available with NO UPWARD CHAIN.Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Refitted Breakfast Kitchen, Cellar, Family Room, Utility and Shower Room. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom.

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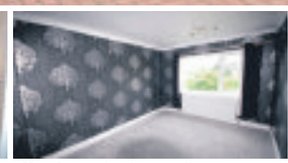
● JR Properties are pleased to market this three/ four bedroom family home, in a sought after location,close to local amenities. Having Hallway, Bedroom Four, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Driveway and Garden to rear

Bower Lane, Etching Hill £169,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom semi detached family home, with NO UPWARD CHAIN and open aspect to front. Having Entrance Hallway, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge and Dining Room. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for off road parking and Gardens to front and rear

Moss Green, Rugeley £135,000

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge/ Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear

Setterfield Way, Brereton £102,000

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this one bedroom terraced bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation having Entrance Hallway, Shower Room, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Bedroom. Gardens to front and rear with on road parking

Old Road, Armitage £164,950

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom cottage, with open views to Trent and Mersey Canal. Accommodation having Lounge, Dining Room and Refitted Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Two Double Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Garden to rear with off road parking

Priory Avenue, Hawksyard £174,950

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New Road, Armitage £179,950

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom end of terraced home,within the sought after village of Armitage. Having Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Inner lobby and Guest W.C. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for off road parking and Garden to rear.

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Littlehay Manor, Colton — £299,950

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● JR Properties are pleased to market this modern three bedroom semi detached family home, situated on a quiet private road within the sought after village of Colton. Having open aspect to rear and well maintained throughout. Entrance Hallway,Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Family Breakfast Kitchen and Utility. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two Further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear.

Walnut Court, Brereton — £169,950

NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, situated in a quiet cul de sac location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Dining Room. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear.

St Johns Drive, Hawksyard — £149,950

MUST BE VIEWED

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom townhouse, being ideal for first time buyers or investors. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to rear and GARAGE with parking in separate block.

Kingsley Wood Road, Cannock Chase — £850,000

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Landor Crescent, Rugeley — £100,000

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● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached property, being sold with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Inner Lobby and Guest Cloakroom. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear.

Fortescue Lane, Rugeley — £225,000

NO CHAIN

● JR Properties are pleased to market this two bedroom detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and within walking distance to the town. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage with Outside w.c and Gardens to front and rear.

Hawkesmore Dr, L.Haywood — £249,950

NEW PRICE

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom detached home, situated in a cul de sac location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Utility. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Shower Room. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear

Plovers Rise, Rugeley — £285,000

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● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom detached bungalow with Detached double Garage and being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest W.C, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom with En Suite ,Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Double Garage and Enclosed Garden to rear.

Keystone Lane, Rugeley — £179,995

NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to market this traditional three bedroom semi detached home, situated in town centre and available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and Lean to with w.c. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to front and driveway providing parking for several vehicles.

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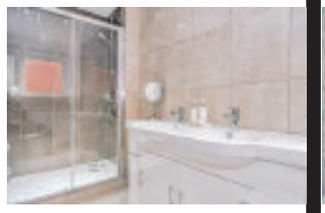
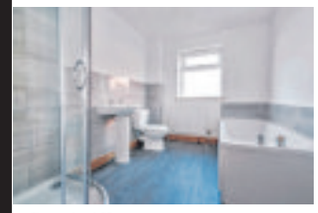


- Executive Detached
- Sought After Location
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Gallied landing
- 5 Bedrooms
- EnSuite Shower Room
- Double Garage
- NO CHAIN

£435,000

REDUCED

HEATH HAYES
STAFFORD STREET



- Detached Home
- Hallway
- Lounge, WC
- Dining Room
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Double Detached Garage
- No Chain

OFFERS OVER £180,000

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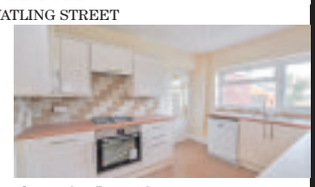
CHASE VIEW, WATLING STREET



- Unique Development
- Two Properties
- 2/3 Acre
- Semi Rural Location
- Outstanding Potential
- Three Bedroom Bungalow
- Detached House

£595,000

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- Modern Three Storey End Terrace
- Private Courtyard
- Master Bedroom
- En-suite Bathroom
- Open Plan Living Area
- Village Location
- Viewing Essential

£165,000

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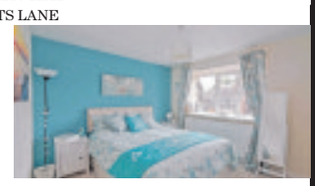
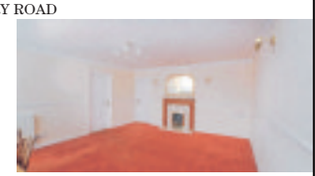


- Detached Home
- Sought after Location
- Hallway, WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage

249,950

NEW

RUGELEY
PRIORY ROAD

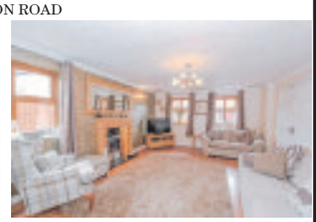


- Entrance Hallway,
- Lounge Diner,
- Breakfast Kitchen,
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom.
- Landscaped Gardens,
- Detached Garage,
- Carport

£160,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
STATION ROAD

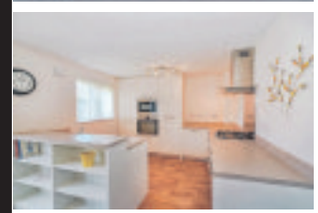
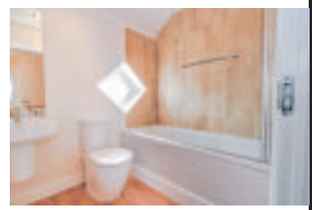


- Wow Individual Build
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room, WC
- 4 Bedrooms
- Rear Gardens
- Driveway, Garage
- Viewing Recommended

£350,000

NEW

CHURCHBRIDGE
MYRTLE GLADE

- Modern Semi
- Through Hall
- Lounge, WC
- Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite to Bed 1
- 3 Bedrooms
- No Chain
- Solar Panels
- Viewing Essential

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£125,000

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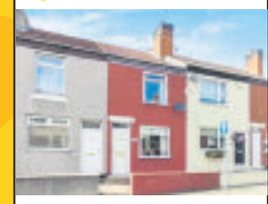
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Heath Hayes
Stafford Street
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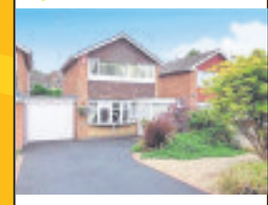
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Cheslyn Hay
Low Street

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Brownhills
Brownhills Road
NEW

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Elmdon Close

3 2 1 EPC D
£210,000

Huntington
Comfrey Close

4 1 2 EPC C
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Elizabeth Road

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£215,000

Heath Hayes
Rochester Way

3 2 1 EPC D
£220,000

Norton Canes
Kingswood Drive
NEW

4 2 2 EPC C
£220,000

Cannock
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NEW

2 1 1 EPC C
£225,000

Norton Canes
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4 2 2 EPC D
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Heath Hayes
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4 2 2 EPC C
£240,000

Cheslyn Hay
Park Close

2 1 1 EPC E
£242,500

Rugeley
Armitage Road

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Burntwood
Severn Drive

4 2 2 EPC D
£279,995

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Stoneyfields Close

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NEW

4 2 2 EPC D
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3 2 2 EPC D
£360,000

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£360,000

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Outdoor Heated
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No Chain
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Hunter Road, Cannock

AUCTION

Offers Around £100,000

Semi Detached Property	Rear Garden
Three Bedrooms	For Sale by Modern Method of Auction
Conservatroy	Awaiting EPC

Cannock Road, Heath Hayes

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Offers Over £90,000

Ground Floor Flat	Gated Access
Two Bedrooms	NO CHAIN
Newly Refurbished	EPC C

Mersey Road, Walsall

Offers Around £100,000

Semi Detached Property	Private Rear Garden
Three Large Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Kitchen Diner	EPC C

Greenheath Road, Hednesford

Offers Around £140,000

Terraced Property	Converted Cellar
Two Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Converted Loft	EPC E

York Road, Cannock

Offers Around £150,000

Semi Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Lounge	EPC D

Rectory Gardens, Rugeley

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Offers Around £155,000

Terraced Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Lounge	EPC E

Tuppenhurst Lane, Rugeley

Offers Around £160,000

Terraced House	Kitchen / Diner
Three Bedrooms	Driveway
Newly Refurbished	EPC D

Beech Pine Close, Hednesford

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Offers Around £165,000

Semi Detached Property	Bathroom
Three Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Kitchen/Diner	EPC D

School Road, Norton Canes

Offers Around £180,000

Semi Detached Property	Rear Garden
Three Bedrooms	Garage
Two Reception Rooms	EPC D

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Mid Terraced Property	Shared Ownership Property
Two Bedrooms	Off Road Parking
Brand New	Awaiting EPC

Quarry Close, Cheslyn Hay

Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge
Kitchen
Garage
Awaiting EPC

Offers Around £190,000

River View, Penkridge

Offers Around £195,000

New Build	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Parking
Lounge / Diner	Awaiting EPC

Chase Side Drive, Rugeley

Offers Around £210,000

Detached Property	Integral Garage
Three Bedrooms	Private Rear Garden
Kitchen/Breakfast	EPC D

Rickerscote, Staffordshire

Offers Around £230,000

Well Presented Cottage	Kitchen
Two Bedrooms	Well Maintained Gardens
Lounge	EPC E

Haymaker Way, Wimblebury

Offers Around £250,000

Spacious Detached Property	Utility Room
Four Bedrooms	Conservatory
Lounge	EPC C

Badgers Way, Heath Hayes

Offers Around £190,000

Link Detached Property	Kitchen
Three Bedrooms	Conservatory
Lounge	EPC D

Mere Croft, Norton Canes

Offers Around £290,000

Detached Property	Kitchen / Diner
Four Bedrooms	Conservatory
Lounge	EPC D

Rugeley Road, Hazelslade

Offers Around £375,000

New Build Detached Property	Two En Suites
Four Bedrooms	Rear Garden
Choice of Kitchen	Awaiting EPC

Holly Hill Road, Rugeley

Offers Around £415,000

Detached Dormer Bungalow	Corner Plot
Four / Five Bedrooms	Garage
Well Presented	EPC C

Church Road, Rugeley

Offers Over £450,000

Detached Property	Three Reception Rooms
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Three Bathrooms	EPC C

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- Kitchen
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- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating & all windows double glazed
- Landscaped gardens
- Garage & off road parking
- EPC rating D (65)

£209,950 FREEHOLD

29 KINGS ROAD, CALF HEATH

MOST SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE OFFERING EXTENSIVE FAMILY ACCOMMODATION ON THREE FLOORS Located In This Popular South Staffordshire Village

- Central reception hall and cloakroom
- Three reception rooms
- Fitted breakfast kitchen and utility
- Five bedrooms
- Dressing room and two ensuites
- Family bathroom
- Detached double width garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (48)

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8 COLLIERS WAY, HUNTINGTON

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- Lounge/dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Two first floor bedrooms and ensuite shower room
- Two second floor bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garage & gardens
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (79)

£219,950 FREEHOLD

5 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs & landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and bathroom
- Allocated parking space & communal grounds
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (80)

£575pcm

RYECROFT, LICHFIELD ROAD, CANNOCK

EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities at Cannock Town Centre

- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- cloakroom and utility room
- Four bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Integral garage
- Garden
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (63)

£260,000 FREEHOLD

12 JUBILEE CLOSE, GREAT WYRLEY

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Side reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating tbc

£169,950 FREEHOLD

4 BALMORAL COURT, BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD

GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED FLAT Conveniently Located For Facilities

- Enclosed porch
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking space
- Communal grounds
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (74)

£84,950 For 90% Share

40 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED, IMPROVED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE WITH FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION INCLUDING SELF CONTAINED FLAT SUITABLE FOR EXTENDED FAMILY OCCUPYING MATURE WELL STOCKED GARDENS In Much Sought After Residential Area Adjoining Cannock Park To The Rear

- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Games/hobby/play room
- Five bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Shower room
- Self contained flat (currently let on AST)
- Double integral garage
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- EPC rating D (66)

£615,000 FREEHOLD

40 ANSTY DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED LINKED DETACHED HOUSE located In Much Sought After Residential Area Conveniently Located For Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Refitted dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (55)

£196,950 FREEHOLD

THE COTTAGE, BROADHURST GREEN ROAD, HEDNESFORD

TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH RANGE OF OUTBUILDINGS AND LAND EXTENDING TO APPROX 2.5 OF AN ACRE

- Open plan lounge/ kitchen area
- Bathroom
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Outside utility room
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Extensive range of outbuildings
- Occupation subject to being solely or mainly employed in agriculture or forestry industry
- EPC rating E (47)

£325,000 FREEHOLD

1 PARK VIEW COURT, OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Fuly double glazed
- Electric heating
- Security phone system
- EPC rating tbc

£164,950

6 PACKINGTON MEWS, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Garage and gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating C (78)

£225,000 FREEHOLD

430 LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING SECLUDED POSITION IN PRIVATE DRIVE Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford, Heath Hayes and Cannock Centres

- Side reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Possible garage space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (72)

£164,950 FREEHOLD

104 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK

AN EXTENDED WELL EQUIPPED FIVE BEDROOMED FAMILY RESIDENCE Located In Sought After Residential Area of The Town

- Enclosed porch & reception hall
- Guest cloakroom with WC
- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen
- (Two UPVC double glazed conservatories
- Four first floor bedrooms & family bathroom
- Second floor bedroom & ensuite bathroom
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Integral garage (limited width) & large gardens
- EPC rating D (64)

£349,950 FREEHOLD

IVY HOUSE BARN, SLINDON, ECCLESHALL

DETACHED THREE BEDROOMED BARN CONVERSION RESIDENCE OFFERING CHARACTERFUL WELL EQUIPPED FAMILY ACCOMMODATION AND EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES INCLUDING STABLE BLOCK WITH TACK ROOM, MENAGE, GARAGE AND SECURE OFF ROAD PARKING TOGETHER WITH ORNAMENTAL GARDENS AND PADDOCKS EXTENDING TO APPROXIMATELY 7.9 ACRES CONVENIENT FOR FACILITIES AT ECCLESHALL

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Three double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and bathroom
- Secure off road parking
- Detached double garage
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- EPC rating E (45)

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23 HEATH WAY, HEATH HAYES

UNDER APPLICATION

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, sokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (77)

£525pcm

20 HAYMAKER WAY, WIMBLEBURY

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Guests cloakroom
- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£695pcm

324 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL APOOINTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Integral garage
- Gas central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£650pcm

APARTMENT 9 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT Located Conveniently For Penkridge Village Centre

- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room & bathroom
- Intercom access
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (79)

£550pcm

50 GLADSTONE ROAD, HEATH HAYES

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Detached garage
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (66)

£695pcm

FLAT 7 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE

WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT Located In Sought After Development Convenient For Penkridge Village Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£550pcm

INGLESIDE, TOP ROAD, ACTON TRUSSELL

SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION COMPRISING OF THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH ADDITIONAL ONE BEDROOMED ANNEX Located In The Much Sought After Village of Acton Trussell

- Lounge
- Dining room & garden room
- Breakfast kitchen & utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom & guests cloakroom
- Double garage
- Mature well stocked gardens
- Annex with lounge, kitchen & bedroom
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (41)

£1350pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Sought After Residential Area And Been Newly Decorated Throughout

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (58)

£795pcm

5 BROOME WALK, HANDSACRE

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance Lobby
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Garden
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£495pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD

WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

FIRST FLOOR FLAT, 34 MARKET STREET, HEDNESFORD

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Located In Hednesford Town Centre Convenient For Local Facilities And Public Transport

- Hall
- Lounge
- Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Part double glazed
- Parking to rear
- Sorry no smokers or pets allowed
- DSS considered
- EPC rating: F (21)

£350pcm

12 PRICE STREET, CANNOCK

REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM TERRACED HOUSE Convenient For Town Centre And Train Station

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (63)

£525pcm

11 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR FLAT Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Reception hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Se cure entry system
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (79)

£525pcm

7 WATERSMEAD CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-de-sac

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Semi detached garage
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (73)

£635pcm

40A OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED SELF CONTAINED ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In Much Sought After Residential Area With Views Of Cannock Park To Rear

- Entrance hall
- Landing
- Open plan Lounge/kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- One car parking space
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (76)

£475pcm

40 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

TWO BEDROOM END TERRACED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens & off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (55)

£625pcm

4 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSELocated In Popular Residential Area

- Cloakroom with WC
- Sitting room & dining room
- Study & family room
- Kitchen & Utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Three en-suite shower rooms
- Family bathroom
- Double garage
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (79)

£1350pcm

9 WHITFIELD ROAD, HEDNESFORD

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- All windows double glazed
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (46)

£650pcm

45 NORTON TERRACE, NORTON CANES

DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM MID TOWN HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Garden to front
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: C (71)

£450pcm

5 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

UNDER APPLICATION

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs & landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and bathroom
- Allocated parking space & communal grounds
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (80)

£575pcm

23 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Entrance lobby
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no smokers, DSS or pets
- EPC rating C (78)

£525 pcm

6 THE NOOK, CHESLYN HAY

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen & utility area
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Built-on garage
- Gardens
- Sorry no Smokers, DSS or pets
- EPC rating: E (42)

£750pcm

8 RAILWAY STREET, CANNOCK

UNDER APPLICATION

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Originally Built In The Popular Inter War Period Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining area
- Refitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (52)

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Green Heath Road
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Well presented traditional three bedroom semi detached house / Set on large plot / Undergone refurbishment & features new carpets throughout / Newly fitted bathroom

Offers in Excess of £145,000

Belt Road
HEDNESFORD

Superbly maintained & well presented two bedroom semi detached house / ●●●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●●●● / Two car driveway / Large private rear garden / Modern fitted kitchen & shower room / Spacious

Offers in Excess of £140,000

Green Heath Road
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Two bedroom traditional terraced house / Spacious lounge and open plan dining kitchen / Two double bedrooms / Private rear garden / Rear driveway with parking for three vehicles / Potential for a loft

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Honda is now one of the world's top 20 brands, according to research by Interbrand in its latest 'Best Global Brands' study. Honda has moved up by three per cent to be ranked as the 20th most valuable brand in the world. Interbrand puts its value at $22.696 billion.

"The power of the Honda brand highlights our influential position in the market," said Philip Ross, senior vice president of Honda Motor Europe.

Honda's recognition follows several landmark achievements

Technology

"A diverse range of new products, from the zero-emissions Clarity Fuel Cell to the award-winning Honda Civic Type R, showcase the significance of advanced technology to the Honda brand.

"The recently-announced 'Electric Vision' will fast-track a major brand advancement, bringing to market a host of new electrified vehicles from 2018."

Honda's recognition by Interbrand follows several landmark achievements for the company in 2016 as well as major news announcements this year.

Honda has confirmed that electrified technology will feature in every new car model launched in Europe.

Beyond automotive, Honda's brand power is bolstered by its advanced product range spanning aircraft, motorcycles, and power equipment, reinforcing its position as the largest engine manufacturer in the world.

In April 2017, the advanced light HondaJet set a new Miami-Panama speed record recognised by the National Aeronautical Association, and celebrated global first quarter deliveries that surpassed any other jet in its class. Elsewhere, Honda's expertise in robotics and autonomy helped it to launch the ingenious Miimo lawnmower in 2016.

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The Sport has more aggressive styling

Suzuki hot hatch lighter and more powerful than outgoing

Suzuki's new Swift Sport hot hatch features a more powerful engine and has a reduced overall weight.

Under the bonnet is Suzuki's 1.4-litre Boosterjet petrol engine, which also sees action in the Vitara S, developing 138bhp and 230Nm of torque in the Swift.

This is equipped with a six-speed manual gearbox, taken straight from the previous Swift Sport.

Thanks to the Swift's "Heartect" platform and design enhancements of some of the car's components, the hot hatch weighs 970kg — 80kg lighter than the outgoing car.

As is typical for the Sport, more aggressive styling features. Muscular bumpers are present, as well as a rear wing and dual exhaust tips, while 17-inch wheels complete the look.

Seven colours are available for the car — including Champion Yellow, which mimics the base colour of Suzuki's recent factory rally cars.

Inside the car are bucket seats for the driver and passenger, as well as a flat-base steering wheel, a boost gauge and aluminium-look pedals.

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As for equipment, the Swift Sport features a seven-inch touchscreen infotainment system with Bluetooth connectivity, as well as support for Android Auto and Apple CarPlay.

Masao Kobori, Suzuki chief engineer, said: "We know that our customers value a dynamic driving experience above everything else, so we've made the new Swift Sport lighter, faster and more stimulating in every way."

UK pricing and availability have yet to be revealed.

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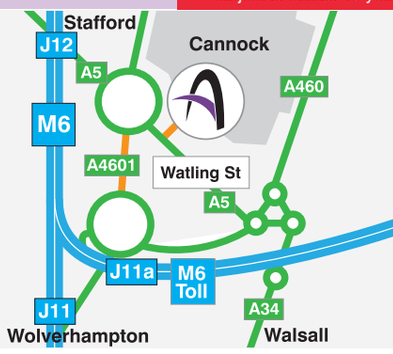

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Edd China's Classic Car Health Check is a series of seven short films covering all aspects of inspecting your classic car for safety and roadworthiness at home.

Decision

With pre-1960 vehicles already MOT exempt and the government's pending decision regarding the rolling 40 year exemption, there's no better time to learn more about keeping your classic car safe and secure.

Including everything from lights and window wipers to steering and brakes, the films cover all the things owners should be checking when it comes to maintaining classic motors.

The first films are out now and available to view at heritagecarinsurance.co.uk. By registering to watch the films, viewers are automatically entered into a prize draw for the hamper.

Heritage has already handed over two tickets to Goodwood Revival as part of a prize draw for the first film in the series, with Michael Rowbottom winning. He had this to say after a fantastic weekend: "I had a truly memorable day and I am still buzzing with excitement."

Edd China and Mark Wilkinson

As well as being known for Discovery's Wheeler Dealers, Edd China has appeared on Top Gear, Scrapheap Challenge and Fifth Gear.

Mark Wilkinson, managing director at Heritage Insurance Services, said: "We are delighted to have launched this film series with Edd and hope owners find it helpful when it comes to maintaining their classic motors. His expertise and unquestionable passion for classic cars is inspiring and has resulted in some quality films."

He added: "If the government does decide to implement the rolling 40 year MOT exemption, it will become critical that we all keep our classic cars as safe as possible, for everyone's sake.

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deaths

CRUTCHLEY

Frederick John

(John)

Retired Thorn Automation Employee.

Passed away peacefully, September 22, 2017, at Queens Hospital, Burton, aged 87.

Now reunited with his beloved Wife Beryl and Daughter Denise.

He will be very sadly missed by all his loving Family and Friends.

Funeral Service to take place, 12 noon on Friday, October 6, 2017, at Stafford Crematorium.

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PARKES

Alan

(Greyhound Service Station, TNT, A.P.E)

Passed away September 20, 2017, aged 73 years.

Beloved Husband, Dad and Grandad.

He will be deeply missed but forever remembered.

Rose, Kirstin, Stephanie, Stuart, Paul, Simon, Natalie, Ben, Megan, Logan and Isabella.

The Funeral Service is to be held at Bushbury Crematorium, on Monday, October 9, 2017, at 1.30pm, followed by a Celebration of his life at Chase Golf Club, Pottall Pool Road, Penkridge.

Everyone who knew Alan is more than welcome to join the Family.

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Love, Mom.

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in memoriam

CRADDOCK

Janet Elizabeth

Passed away 29, September 2016.

When I'm on my own Wife, I always think of you, thoughts about the laughs we shared and things we used to do.

We had so many happy times together, you and I, you can't replace that kind of love, no matter how you try.

These words alone cannot convey what I feel within my heart, but I know someday we'll meet again and then we'll never part.

From your loving Husband Dave.

X X X

CRADDOCK

Janet

One year has passed.

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Happy Birthday Mom,

2 October.

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birthday remembrances

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Mark

October 6.

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3 Home & Services

items for sale

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items wanted

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CASH PAID
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Good prices paid.
Unleash the cash in your loft.
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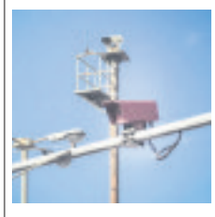

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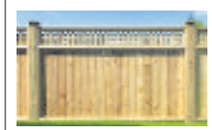

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3. Ensure that you are given any KC documentation, if pedigree.

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5 Business & Farming

business opportunities

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6 Property

accommodation to let

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business & professional

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hotel & catering

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part time - general

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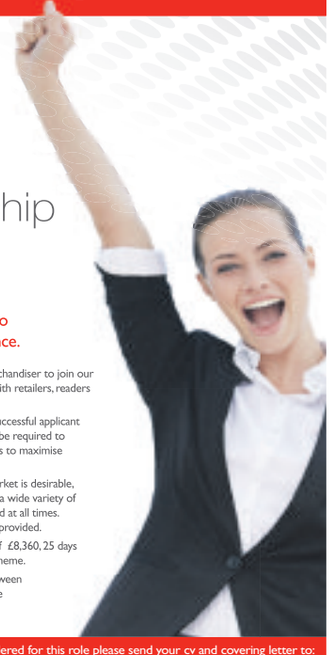

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8 Motoring

cars over £1500

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BMW 118D SPORT
2011, 46,000 miles, MoT April, lady wwner last five years. Tax £30.
£6,250 ono.
07535 698708.

LOOK

BMW 118i AUTOMATIC
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£4,750.
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SW 2.0 HDi 136SE.
Halcyon blue metallic, mistral blk zagros cloth interior.
17" alloys, glass electric sun roof, tinted glass,alarm. PAS. All MoTs, S/H. 32,000mls.
£2,750
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SMART 4 / 4
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GOOD RUNNER

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genuine 70,000 miles,
MoT failure, ABS faults,
perfect runner or top quality spares,
Sorn, off road.
First best offer.
07967 838662. 01785 780824.

ESTATE

PEUGEOT ESTATE DIESEL
07 Plate, MoT,
immaculate condition,
7 seats,
120,000 miles, EW, CL,
alloys, roof rails.
£1,395
07486 521361

ROVER 45 IE
Turbo diesel, X reg, very good condition, new MoT,
Bargain £750 ono.
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motorbikes

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WANTED Clean Used Bikes MOT While-U-Wait No Re Test Fee

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9 Local Information

public & legal notices

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Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED)
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC
CHERRY TREE ROAD, NORTON CANES

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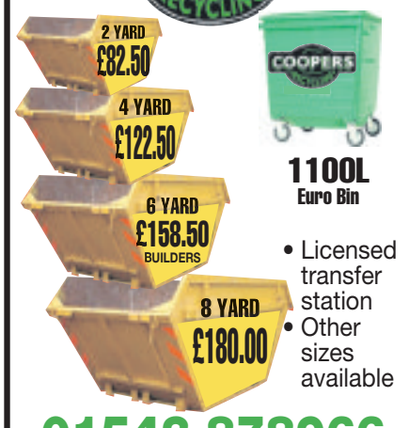

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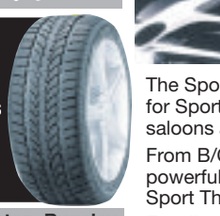

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Fan favourite Lescott makes return to city

JOLEON Lescott is on his way back to Wolverhampton for a special night with fans in December. Lescott remains a popular figure in the city thanks to his time at Wolves where he started his career after joining as a trainee.

He was part of the Wolves side which won promotion to the Premier League for the first time in their history in 2003 at Cardiff and played more than 220 games before moving to Everton. He will talk about his career and meet fans at the Cleveland Arms, Stow Heath Lane, on December 7.

After three years on Merseyside, Lescott went on to win two Premier League titles, an FA Cup and a League Cup at Manchester City before spells back in the West Midlands at Albion and Villa.

It will be the first time the former England international, who won 24 caps, has done a stage appearance and he will be alongside former Wolves promotion-winning team-mate Matt Murray. VIP tickets, to include a meet and greet, buffet, priority seating and signed photo, are on sale at clevelandarms.com or the venue, by phone 01902 451021. Standard tickets are £12.

Heathens heroes sign up for Golden Hammer

TWO modern-day Cradley heroes are already on board for the 2017 F.A.S.T Golden Hammer on October 23.

Ashley Morris and Max Clegg are the first two riders confirmed for the famous individual event taking place at Wolverhampton's Monmore Green at 7.30pm.

Current captain Tom Perry is also expected to be a part of the line-up. Heathens club chairman Nigel Pearson said: "We're delighted we can now round off the year with the Golden Hammer.

"Having Ash and Max as the first two confirmed names is a great way to start building the line-up."

He added: "We've been able to schedule it for the Monday of the half-term school holidays and therefore we are delighted to offer free admission to children aged 12 and under."

Admission prices are £15 for adults, concessions £10, £5 for 13-to-18-year-olds and free for under-12s.

Doyle retires over concussion fears

FORMER Wolves striker Kevin Doyle has announced his retirement from football – after repeated incidents of concussion. The 34-year had been playing in the MLS for Colorado Rapids and took advice from consultants.

Republic of Ireland international Doyle was Wolves' record signing when he moved to Molineux for £6.5million from Reading at the start of the 2009/10 season.

Doyle played a starring role as Mick McCarthy's side avoided relegation from the Premier League, scoring nine goals in 34 appearances. He would stay with the club until 2015 when, after loan spells with Crystal Palace and QPR, he signed for Colorado. In all he netted 33 times in 179 Wolves games, his most memorable goal arguably the winner in a famous 2-1 victory over Sir Alex Ferguson's Manchester United in 2011.

In a statement, Doyle said heading the ball had become 'problematic' and that two concussions this season alone have forced him to take medical advice.

Star's still shining bright 60 years on

Andrew Wilcoxson (back right) and his current squad on a recent European tour

Star line-up for a photo call during the 1988/89 campaign

SIX decades on from their formation, Charlemont Star continue to give their players the chance to shine.

The amateur football club, based in West Bromwich, celebrated their 60th anniversary recently at Dartmouth Golf Club, where current and former players joined to share tales of their time with the Star.

They were formed in 1957 by Garth Thomas, who died in 2015. Over the years he retained a keen interest in the goings on and was kept regularly updated.

An extract from Thomas' memoirs read: "Up until I was 23 my routine was to have a kick about with local teenagers at Bird End. Gradually those got longer, so one Saturday afternoon in July the lads suggested we start a team. Though at the time I only gave it a week or so believing it would be a seven-day novelty."

The club have been blessed with commitment and consistent management, firstly under Thomas, before Baz Plant took up the reins in the 1980s. Current boss Andrew Wilcoxson joined the club in the mid 1990s, managing alongside Dave Stocking and Richard Cox, and has been sole manager since Star's reformation in 2010 following a brief break.

Secured

The club originally competed in the West Bromwich Sunday League, later named the Sandwell League. They regularly went toe-to-toe with rivals The Bush, Wones United, Prince Regent, White Swan and Churchfield Tavern in their early years.

For the most part of their existence, Charlemont's home base has been Hydes Road playing fields in Wednesbury. They have just secured permission to return to Churchfields playing fields in West Bromwich for the current campaign. Hamstead Hill has also been another home. An array of former players returned for the club's latest milestone celebration.

Plant, a retired schoolteacher, 60, who played and managed for around 15 years, said: "When

SPORTING FEATURE

By Lewis Cox

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I joined there were various characters from the around the Stone Cross and Charlemont area. John Garnzarek, who has sadly died, Keith Willets, Jimmy Young – they were the main characters, and they welcomed me whole-heartedly with Garth.

"Garth was larger than life in more ways than one. A big guy, 20 stone plus. I had a yellow Mini when I started and he got in it and buckled the car door.

"We'd regularly finish seventh or eight in the league. We never got relegated despite finishing so low, even when finishing bottom! It's fantastic at the moment. The job that Andy's done is absolutely brilliant."

Wilcoxson described moving to the Birmingham Festival League as 'a shot in the arm' for the club. Star enjoyed success at the turn of the millennium, gaining promotion to Division Two alongside a couple of handy cup runs in the Birmingham County FA Junior Cup.

Their only time out of action was a brief break of four seasons between 2006 and 2010 before Wilcoxson launched the club again, attracting a new squad that entered the West Midlands Christian Football League.

In seven years they have provided opportunities to hundreds of youngsters both in the region and, remarkably for a local amateur side with one member of staff, on the continent.

Star head out on an annual European tour. Since their reformation they have been away to Germany, Austria and Norway, facing local sides from their European counterparts.

Star have forged close bonds with Bremen outfits TV Bremen-Walle and Bremer SV, whom they have played twice. They have also gone up against FT Gern, a youth club of German international Phillip Lahm, and Didi Hamann's ex-club FC Wacker Munchen.

The tours, organised by their boss, remain an attractive proposition to players, who enjoy both the social and competitive aspect of the club's set-up. They head out to Leipzig in Germany next May.

Wilcoxson, 48, from Telford, said: "It's giving lads the opportunity to play. It's organised. All they have to do is turn up and play. Everything's provided for them. They are grateful, they don't express it too often, it's nice when they say they appreciate what you do.

Dedication

"I don't want 'thank yous' and praise, you make memories and friends. It was nice at Garth's funeral with how many former members attended.

"Without Garth's commitment and dedication to the club it would have folded many years ago. There wouldn't be a Charlemont Star. He was always interested and helped us financially."

Oh his jet-setting side, the boss added: "Many of the games stick in my mind because they're good, competitive matches. Then there's the memories and camaraderie with our hosts after the games.

"The standard of football there, at amateur level, is well-organised but player-for-player, they're close. Though we've picked a few anomalies where they've been quite a bit better than us!"

The future looks bright for Star, who are sponsored by Attewell Opticians and also the Red Lion pub in West Bromwich, with whom they have just struck a new partnership.

The club are always on the lookout for new players, and are particularly in search for a goalkeeper for the current campaign. Anybody interested in supporting, sponsorship, coaching or playing can contact Wilcoxson by emailing ajwilco@sky.com.

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Dominant hosts send foes packing

Cannock 55 Barton 0

CANNOCK welcomed old adversaries Barton for league action at the Morgan Ground – and sent them home with a mauling.

Cannock started sloppily, but the in-form Dave Edwards scored the game's first try and they never looked back.

Cannock were in full control of proceedings and the next score came from a lineout with Alex Freeman providing the assist for Darren Baugh to crash over.

The Lions continued with the ascendency and the next score came from some powerful drives from Joe Brookes and Scott Lathe. Skipper Gareth Ley was the first man to the ruck and went through unchallenged.

Freeman dotted down from 20 metres for the next try, followed by Conor Gladstone, then John Shirley.

Stephen Frost made another telling break taking three visiting players out of the game in contact. The ball broke wide. Jordan Pincombe fed Scott Pedley, who passed to Josh Humphreys and then on to Will Jukes. A high tackle halted a 50 metre finish but the prominent skipper was first to the ball, picked up and went through unchallenged to score.

With the clock nearly run down there was one more attack to finish the game off.

Again strong runs up the middle from Brookes, Baugh and Daniel Blake gave the backs space to operate. Pedley saw space out wide and dinked over the top. Jukes exquisitely collected the ball and went over in the corner.

Woodwork takes heavy pounding as Scholars draw

Chasetown 0 Loughborough D 0

THE frame of the goal got a workout as Chasetown and Loughborough Dynamo played out a goalless draw in the Evo-Stik League Division One South.

The Scholars almost took the lead after 20 minutes when Jake Lovatt got beyond Will Jaaskelainen but fired into the side netting from a tight angle.

Lovatt went even closer five minutes later with a right foot shot that Jaaskelainen – son of former Bolton shot-stopper Jussi – flicked onto the post with his foot.

Dynamo squandered a great chance to break the deadlock when Karl Demidh scooped over from close range.

Whieldon struck the Dynamo woodwork for a second time as his corner kick hit the post and Whieldon's next corner saw Ryan Wynter hit the bar with a header. Five minutes from time it was Dynamo's turn to hit the frame as Alistair Smith beat Pond, but was denied by the post.

After visiting Stocksbridge Steels on Tuesday, Scholars host Market Drayton Town in the FA Trophy on Saturday.

Put shirt on ladies raising charity profile

Cannock ladies support Hibbs Lupus Trust

CANNOCK Ladies Hockey Club have given their support to a charity that seeks to raise awareness of a debilitating condition.

The Hibbs Lupus Trust works to raise the profile of the disease and to increase earlier diagnosis, lessening the chances of life threatening complications. The ladies team is now sporting the trust logo on the back of its shirts.

Trust founder Viki Hibbs was diagnosed with the condition back in 2008. She is a long-standing club member, playing whenever she is well enough. She said: "I have been a member of Cannock Hockey club for 23 years. I have grown up with the club and it has been a big part of my life. For the ladies' teams to put our charity logo on the club shirts, I feel really proud and honoured."

Cannock Hockey Club Ladies chairman Hettie Pigott said: "The Hibbs Lupus Trust is close to our hearts at Cannock Ladies Hockey Club. We want to show our support for the fantastic work that they do across the country by proudly carrying their logo on our shirts."

LAWRIE DRIVES PITMEN HOME

Ashton United 1 Hednesford Town 2

HEDNESFORD Town ended a run of back-to-back heavy defeats by picking up three points at Ashton United last Saturday afternoon.

The Pitmen had lost their previous two Evo-Stik Premier games, conceding eight goals without scoring, but bounced back with a display that was far more dominant than the scoreline suggests.

However, it was Ashton who threatened from the off with Danny Pilkington hitting the post from a narrow angle.

Hednesford responded, and James Lawrie was denied by Max Povey before the former Altrincham man found a way through to net the opener when he capitalised on a misplaced pass from Aaron Chalmers.

Foul

The Pitmen went on to dominate the rest of the first half, with Edjidja Mbunga and Danny Glover having shots saved.

A Lawrie corner was headed in by Ben Bailey but disallowed for a foul by Jimmy Mutton and on 39 minutes Glover's header from Tom Thorley's cross was just wide.

Lawrie went close again before half-time and the onslaught continued after the break when Mbunga was denied by Povey, but at the other end goalkeeper James Wren had to make a flying save from Alex Johnson.

Sam Oji finally put some distance between the sides when he headed home Tom Thorley's corner. Although Liam Tomsett touched home a consolation, the Pitmen held on to move up to 16th.

After a home game with Matlock on Tuesday night, the Pitmen return to Keys Park on Saturday, with Witton Albion the visitors, kick off 3pm. Next Tuesday, Rob Smith's side travel to Halesowen Town.

Kitted out for unbeaten month

Burntwood Rugby Club, in new strip, line up before their clash against Willenhall

Burntwood 25 Willenhall 14
Midlands 3 West North

BURNTWOOD moved into a three-way share of the lead in M3WN after going unbeaten through September.

Resplendent in their new playing strip, they had to come from behind to make it three wins from three in the league to add to their win in the Staffs Intermediate Trophy.

In wet and windy conditions, the hosts made a good start. An early penalty award kicked to the corner led to a second award but Aza Dunet's kick at goal slid right of the target.

The Willenhall No.10 was yellow carded after just seven minutes, then Burntwood's Danny Poole was similarly penalised and Willenhall went seven points up courtesy of a penalty try on 19 minutes.

Burntwood scored their first points on the half hour mark, Neil Holden continuing his early season scoring spree by bursting through and over from ten metres for a try.

Poole returned to the action only for Holden to take his place on the sideline for ten minutes. Willenhall took advantage of his temporary absence, taking a 14-5 lead with a converted try.

The reply was immediate. Poole caught the restart kick and ran straight through to the line for a try which converted from wide out by Dunet.

Willenhall threatened again before Burntwood finally went ahead in the 57th minute, Luke Rookyard setting up Rory Newall for a try. Skipper Latham went over from close range for the bonus point try and a Dunet penalty sealed it.

The 2nds performed well at Stoke Development, who scored a late penalty to win 17-14.

Look Hughes on fire with a four-timer

Cannock M1s 3 Preston 2

CONRAD Willars, Matthew Wilson and Callum Stacey were Cannock's scorers.

Cannock M3s 5 North Staffs M2s 3

CANNOCK thirds were two goals down against North Staffs seconds but responded well to go into the break 3-2 up. Further goals followed with Ed Martin notching a brace.

North Staffs 5 Cannock M5s 3

THE visitors trailed 3-0 after 20 minutes. Gary Stacey pulled two back, one from a penalty stroke, but the hosts led 4-2 at the break. After a fifth North Staffs goal, Bruce Alcock replied.

Cannock L1s 0 Reading L1s 3

CANNOCK made it difficult for Reading and goalkeeper Jo Carpay played brilliantly, but Reading took the points with three second half goals.

Cannock L2s 0 Loughborough Uni 2

CANNOCK were unable to take their chances, and, after a goalless first half, Loughborough scored twice in the last 10 minutes.

Cannock L3s 2 Uttoxeter L1s 0

NEWLY-RELEGATED Uttoxeter were beaten by goals from Jenna Martin and Bev Cartlidge.

Cannock L4s 9 Uttoxeter L2s 2

THE first goal was scored via short corner courtesy of Han Inglis, and then the goals just kept coming, from Rach Hughes (4), Jemma Bowen (2), Han Inglis, Alice Runton and Danni Steventon.

Cannock L5s 0 Abbotsholme 1s 18

CANNOCK spirits remained high despite being overwhelmed.

Hayes turn on the style in second half

Bolehall 0 Heath Hayes 5

HEATH Hayes returned to winning ways with five second-half goals securing the points at Bolehall.

It was a fruitless first half despite Hayes peppering the Bolehall goal. The home side's keeper was in outstanding form and Luke Holmes missed a penalty.

It was a different Hayes in the second half and it didnt' take long to rattle in three goals through Regan Smith, Jack Arrowsmith and James McGrady. More goals followed with another from Smith and substitute Jamal Logan.

On Saurday, Hayes are at home to high-flying Atherstone.

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